



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2157

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Community Works Program provides community-based employment training and integration for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities. JARC partners with local businesses to provide on-the-job training for participants. They work side by side with the employees of the business. This not only provides the individual with opportunities for community integration and employment, but also educates the community on the abilities of individuals with special needs. This program began in Palm Beach County and has now expanded into Broward County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	100,000	17%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	425,000	2297	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

If state funding were unavailable, fewer individuals would be served. The on-the-job-training would become unpaid, potentially resulting in the participants collecting unemployment.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

JARC received \$999,610 in 2020 through the Payroll Protection Program which was used for staff salaries to ensure everyone remained employed.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries for Job Coaches to provide on-the-job training and salaries for participants with intellectual disabilities and autism who are engaged in on-the-job training.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

Funds will secure community-based employment training for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism. With an ultimate goal of employment, individuals with special needs will reduce their dependence on government subsidies.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?



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JARC will work with local businesses to secure partnerships for the community-based employment training. Individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism will receive job coaching services.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Participants in the program will be provided the opportunity to receive community-based employment training at local businesses. This will be completed with supervision from trained job coaches to maximize the potential for independent employment.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

This program provides services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism. We also provide support to the families of the individuals receiving services. The program has grown every year, and currently provides services to 85 individuals and their families.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

A minimum of 30 participants will receive a training in how to develop a resume and how to interact in a job interview. With a goal of community-based employment, a minimum of 6 individuals will become employed by the partner businesses. Outcomes will be measured by the number of partner businesses and the number of individuals employed.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Financial penalties will be assigned to each benchmark/objective.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number