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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** ABM - Family Reunification Video Visitation Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Darryl Rouson

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Abe Brown Ministries, a collaborative member of Children in Hillsborough of Incarcerated Parents (CHIPS), provides an opportunity for children to participate in video visitation with their parents who are incarcerated. Every Monday at Abe Brown Ministries (ABM), children are able to speak with their parent live via video conferencing technology. The children and caregivers (optional participation) can take part in the video visitation at no cost. In addition to the video visitation, participants enrolled in the program have the opportunity to travel to the prisons once a quarter. Transportation and lunch are provided at no charge. The children and caregivers get the opportunity to physically interact with the incarcerated parent during the visit, which consists of games and activities.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Corrections

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
100,000		100,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	20,000	16.7%
TOTAL	20,000	16.7 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 120,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	A	B	C
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$100,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To expand services to for children to maintain the bond with their parents incarcerated throughout the state of Florida. The program is open to children who are under the age of 18 years old and have an incarcerated parent at one of the participating state prisons. The child(ren) must reside in either Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, or Hernando County. The child must not be the victim of the parent’s crime, and the parent must still have their parental rights.

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

1) Weekly video visits between children under 18 and their incarcerated parents 2) Quarterly family bonding trips with children under 18, their caregivers, and their incarcerated parents 3) Referral services and social support services to children under 18 with incarcerated parents and their caregivers

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	<p>This full-time position includes worker's compensation and a healthcare stipend. ABM does not offer minimal essential coverage per the Affordable Care Act because ABM is a small business which employs less than 50 full-time employees. ABM does provide a stipend towards the cost of a healthcare premium.</p>	<p>3,000</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	<p>The Family Reunification Program Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and supervision of the operation of program component(s). Develops and oversees daily treatment program activities and assists with program development. Ensures effective documentation of case management documentation on reports and billing documents. Work performed will primarily involve resource development, and quality control. The position has been established to plan, execute, and promote the program.</p>	<p>38,000</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	<p>Video Conferencing Equipment and Technology, Operational, Occupancy, and Transportation expenditures</p>	<p>39,000</p>



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	to operate the program.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Mental Health Professional to conduct pre and post-visit decompression sessions with children and caregivers weekly. Also provides professional clinical counseling services to the children, caregivers, and incarcerated parents.	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		100,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

1) Weekly video visits between children under 18 and their incarcerated parents. 2) Quarterly family bonding trips with children under 18, their caregivers, and their incarcerated parents. 3) Referral services and social support services to children under 18 with incarcerated parents and their caregivers.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, preschool students, grade school students, and high school students. The target population to be served is 51 - 100 individuals.

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

1) Improve mental health: To increase the familial bond and enhance the children's coping skills related to the trauma of being separated from their incarcerated parent. Children will demonstrate an increase in the familial bond and attachment to parent evidenced by self-report and clinical observation. Children ages 5-17 will demonstrate an increase in positive coping skill evidenced by Kid Cope Scale score, a modified Kid Cope Scale score or emotional well-being skills. 2) Stress levels for caregivers will be reduced: Caregivers will demonstrate a reduction in their stress levels as evidenced by a decrease in their Perceived Stress scale score. 3) Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system: Inmates will have a greater sense of attachment to their children as well as decreased concerns regarding their child's well-being. Inmates will demonstrate an increase in attachment to their children and a decrease in their concerns as evidenced by their score on the Inmate Questionnaires.



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- g. **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 in the contract?**
FDC can impose penalties for failing to submit reports and reimbursement requests in a timely fashion.
Percentage attainment goals for performance measures can also be negotiated with FDC.
12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**
n/a
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 - Organization Type:**
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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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 - Local Entity
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