



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1555

1. Title of Project: Facilitating Access to Services for Ex-Offenders

2. Senate Sponsor: Randolph Bracy

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

According to Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) in 2017-2018, it cost FDOC \$21,743 dollars annually, to house one inmate in a FDOC run facility. In 2017-2018, FDOC housed 96,253 inmates at a cost of \$2 billion to Florida taxpayers. Our proposed project will save taxpayers \$13 million dollars. The proposed project is a statewide re-entry initiative to serve 500 ex-offenders returning to or currently residing in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties during 2019-2020. The overall goal of the project is to reduce recidivism among 500 ex-offenders (male and female), who were released from the Florida Department of Corrections within 1 day - 3 years, during 2019 - 2020, by providing employment training and placement, and referrals for educational and technical training, medical and other social services in Orange, lake and Sumter counties. Additionally, this project will provide capacity building training for re-entry organizations in Duval, Leon, Pinellas and Volusia counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Corrections

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 823,651 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | |
| Total State Funds Requested | 823,651 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 823,651 | 100.00% |
| Federal | 0 | 0.00% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Local | 0 | 0.00% |
| Other | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 823,651 | 100.0% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
| | | | | |

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 500,000

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Salary and fringe benefits (.08765 of %54,000 salary). The Project Head (Larry Williams) will ensure the goals and objectives of the project are met, and provide supervision for staff and consultants. | 58,733 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Salary and fringe benefits will be paid to the bookkeeper who has the responsibility of tracking daily, weekly and monthly expenditures of this project, and produce monthly reports. | 16,315 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Travel for the project head to oversee project in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties. Project head will travel 200 miles a month to oversee project in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties. 200/mo. x.45=\$90 x 12 months=\$1,080.00 | 1,080 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Salary and fringe benefits for staff in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties. Orange Co: three case managers, and two outreach workers. Lake Co: one site coordinator, one case manager and one outreach worker. Sumter Co: one site coordinator, one case manger and one outreach worker. | 308,892 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Includes travel, office supplies and educational materials and computers for five case managers.Travel for four outreach staff and two site coordinators. | 28,631 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Consultant services include: employment consultant, resource development consultant, mental health consultant, capacity building consultant, project evaluator and certified public consultant. | 410,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 823,651 |

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of the project is to reduce recidivism among 500 ex-offenders (male and female), who were released from Florida Department of Corrections within 1 day - 3 years during 2019 - 2020, and returning to or currently residing in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties, by providing employment training and placement, and referrals



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for educational and technical training, medical and other social services. Additionally, to provide capacity building training to re-entry organizations in Duval, Pinellas, Leon and Volusia counties, to increase their capacity to serve ex-offenders.

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

Activities include outreach to identify the target population (ex-offenders), case management to develop case plan for services and individual goals, employment training and placement, referrals for educational/technical training, housing, medical (primary care, mental health and substance abuse), social services and six job fairs (two in each county: Orange, Lake and Sumter). Capacity building training for re-entry organizations in Duval, Pinellas, Volusia and Leon counties.

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

Employment training and placement, case management, medical (mental, primary care and substance abuse), educational and technical training and other social services.

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

The target population: 500 ex-offenders returning to or residing in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties, who were released from the Florida Department of Corrections within 1 day - 3 years during 2019-2020. Among the 500 ex-offenders to be served by this project, the following groups will be included: individuals with poor mental health, poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged and homeless.

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

1. \$8,679,200 savings to Florida Taxpayers by preventing recidivism as 400 or 80% of enrolled participants will not be rearrested during 2019-2020. 2. Eighty percent (80%) of enrolled participants with identified mental disorder will have a case plan and be enrolled in treatment. 3. Fifty percent (250) of enrolled participants will be employed by June 2020. 4. 100% of enrolled participants will complete employment and /or technical training by June 2020. 5. 500 individual case plans will be implemented, documenting referrals for housing, educational and technical training, medical and other social services. 6. 100% of enrolled participants diagnosed with substance abuse will be referred to substance abuse treatment services.

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 in the contract?

Denied future funding for the proposed project.

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

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Larry Williams

b. Organization: Simeon Resource and Development Center for Men, Inc

c. E-mail Address: williamslarry1688@gmail.com

d. Phone Number: (407)836-6730



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Simeon Resource and Development Center for Men, Inc
- b. **County:** Lake, Orange, Sumter
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Larry Williams
- e. **E-mail Address:** williamslarry1688@gmail.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (407)836-6730

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**