



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1884

1. Title of Project: Vincent House Citrus

2. Senate Sponsor: Wilton Simpson

3. Date of Submission: 02/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

We are seeking funding for an expansion of Vincent House into Citrus County. Vincent House is an evidence based program that features "Recovery through Work" for the serious and persistently mentally ill. Vincent House Pinellas opened in 2003, Vincent House Hernando opened in 2017 and Vincent House Pasco should be open when construction is complete in the fall of 2019. Vincent House Citrus, if funded, anticipated opening would be late 2020. These facilities are one proven way to address the problems regarding lack of mental health services in Florida and particularly in the smaller counties that have very few services of this nature. Vincent House Pinellas has a proven track record since 2003 and the Recovery through Work model there has resulted in the members earning more than \$6 million in real wages at real jobs in the community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Justice Administration

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	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? No



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The million dollars needed for construction will utilize the existing plans used for the construction of Vincent House Pasco. The ideal size for a county like Citrus is a 5,000 to 6,000 square foot building that also includes a commercial kitchen for training and job skills. These kitchens are approved for state certification of skills and provide healthy meals for members and staff.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Funding from the Florida Senate will serve two main purposes. First, it will allow us to build a state of the art building that is adequate in size and modern in its amenities including a commercial kitchen. Second, it will allow us to carry out our successful "recovery through work" mission of step wise rehabilitation for persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

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

The services we will provide in Vincent House are meaningful, daytime work orientated activities. This work is the first step in the rehabilitation process. These activities will vary from reception, graphic arts, data processing, banking, computer and social media, cooking, dining, and cafe work and more. Vincent House Citrus will be a restorative community, based on respect and dignity, in which staff will engage members in the work of the Clubhouse.

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

Vincent House Citrus will provide a wide array of services to our participants, called Members, that will include, but are not limited to the following: Employment: Vincent House will offer its members, the opportunity to return to paid employment through our stepwise "recovery through work" system of rehabilitation. Most Members begin by participating in the "work ordered day" as described above. When ready, they move to



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transitional employment (hereinafter "TE"), which are time limited, entry-level jobs in the community. SEE ATTACHMENT

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

The target population of Vincent House Citrus will be residents of Citrus County who are 18 years of age or older, with a diagnosed Axis 1 mental illness, such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. We expect to serve up to 60 unduplicated individuals, with an average daily attendance of 15 in the first year, with a 30% increase in the following year.

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

Expected benefits of Vincent House Citrus are twofold. Since serious mental illnesses are chronic, cyclic and extremely debilitating, our first goal is to provide an environment that demonstrates dignity and respect and focuses on each member's talents and skills. For many members, this builds the confidence to attempt to return to paid employment. At this stage, Vincent House provides a place to go where members feel wanted and needed. This environment helps to keep members healthy, gives them a purpose in life and decreases hospitalization, incarceration and hopelessness, all very expensive alternatives. For the members who choose to return to work, which is a large percentage of members, Vincent House assists members with employment skills, resume writing, interview skills, and other general work skills. When ready, Vincent House helps members return to paid employment in the community.

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?

The construction contract has the standard penalties for cost overruns and delays.

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.

The Owners of the facility (building) will be Vincent Academy Adventure Coast, Inc. (VAAC). VAAC will lease the building to Van Gogh's Palette, Inc. (VGP). VGP will operate Vincent House Citrus.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Vincent Academy of Adventure Coast, Inc.
- b. **County:** Citrus
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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