



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1919

1. **Title of Project:** MACtown Wellness & Life Skills Development Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Gayle Harrell

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

In FY 2018-2019 MACtown assumed the operations of 4 existing group homes that serve individuals with autism/intellectual disabilities. The Wellness & Life Skills Development Center provides services not only to residential clients but community-based as well. This 15,000 square foot center provides a personalized, safe and closely monitored environment where people with autism/intellectual disabilities can pursue fitness, living, educational and vocational curriculum needed to help them become well-rounded fully functioning members of our community. MACtown requests GR funding to expand its Wellness & Life Skills Development Center in order to provide a greater continuum of vocational and educational programming (Horticultural Training/Commercial Kitchen Training/Hospitality Training/Retail Training) which ensures its clients can reach their full potential. There is currently no such provider of services serving the Treasure Coast.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	184,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	66,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		200,000	241	No

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	Fitness Instructor - \$45,000 Horticulture Instructor - \$35,000 Fitness Assistant - \$25,000 Horticulture Assistant - \$25,000	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Horticultural Training Equipment & Supplies Commercial Kitchen Training Equipment & Supplies Hospitality Training Equipment & Supplies Retail Training Equipment & Supplies Exterior Recreation Equipment and Supplies	54,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Greenhouse/Irrigation System installation Covered Work Area Installation Kitchen Electric & Ventilation Upgrades Flooring Upgrades Exterior Recreation Fence Installation Parking Surface Area Renovation	66,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

MACtown seeks to provide its Treasure Coast clients with a greater continuum of services that will better prepare such individuals to successfully integrate into society. Such services provided within the scope of practice include: nutrition, physical fitness, healthy food choices, computer/interactive technology, and vocational training (i.e. Horticulture/Commercial Kitchen/Hospitality/Retail/Recreation).

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

Curriculum and classes will be tailored to meet the clients specific educational and physical needs and goals. Classes will include Interactive White Board (Promethean Board), vocational/supported employment skills and training, community integration and computer lab. The center will offer a selection of specialized exercise equipment that will maximize results and ensure individual health success. Additionally, there will be specialized flooring for aerobic step, dance, muscle conditioning and yoga classes. Healthy choice classes will be provided to educate the clients on eating habits, shopping and preparation of meals.

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

There will be the addition of direct care services that provide horticultural training, culinary training, hospitality training, retail training, and recreational activity.



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

Individuals with autism/intellectual disabilities. The center will serve a population of over 100 residential & community-based clients within the Treasure Coast.

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

The MACtown Wellness and Life Skills Center will create individual progress plans and goals of which they will document outcomes of success by comparing the clients monthly progress against their initial baseline. This will ensure maximum results amongst additional provided programming and enhance the likelihood of client success as it pertains to vocational integration.

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 agency's standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** MACtown, Inc.
- b. **County:** Saint Lucie
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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