



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2443

1. Title of Project: Louise Graham Shred Truck Expansion

2. Senate Sponsor: Jeff Brandes

3. Date of Submission: 03/13/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The funds will go to expand the existing Secure Shred operation at the Louise Graham Regeneration Center, Inc., which is a supported work setting for low income individuals with developmental disabilities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	160,000
Total State Funds Requested	160,000

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)	160,000	91.43%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	15,000	8.57%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	175,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2015-16		250,000	2196A	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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		



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of an entry-level shred truck capable of shredding paper and digital material to the National Association of Information Destruction (NAID) specifications for secure documents.	160,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		160,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Louise Graham Regeneration Center, Inc., will be able to expand its shredding customer base to those who prefer on-site destruction as opposed to plant-based document destruction. It will also provide the ability to destroy digital information. The truck will be driven by a disabled adult and capable of transporting 3 more developmentally disabled adults as helpers. The Shred Truck will enable the agency to participate in Community Shred Days on the site of local TV stations, etc. increasing public awareness of the abilities of the developmentally disabled adults relative to competitive employment.

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

Prospective customers will be called by an in-house calling service providing phone sales by disabled clients. The truck wrap highlighting the services and sponsors will also help attract new customers as it travels throughout the Tampa Bay Area. The training and experience both in customer service and mobile shredding received by the disabled clients will help them apply for related competitive positions in the community.

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

Citizens with developmental disabilities will receive paid employment and employment skills development and independent living skills such as banking account maintenance, check writing, etc.

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

Low income developmentally disabled adults who come to Louise Graham for supportive employment. The center currently serves 80 adults with the goal to serve 100 by October 1, 2019.

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

Create specific immediate job opportunities - Clients will be employed in shred operations and work daily, at least part time. They will learn shredder and baler operation as well as fork lift operation and safe work habits. Clients will sign in and out on time sheets, complete work safety courses, and operate forklifts.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

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.

Louise Graham Regeneration Center, Inc.

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Louise Graham Regeneration Center, Inc.
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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 - Other (Please specify)
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