



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1085

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

Project LIFT of Marion, Citrus & Levy Counties is dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk 14-19 year old teens and their families through substance abuse (opioid) treatment, mental health counseling, mentoring, education, and cognitive/behavioral replacement therapy through vocational skills training. The program offers hope to young people impacted by the "social determinants of health" -- teens struggling with addictions, lack of familial support, and academic failures. Licensed therapists and skilled mentors help them replace negative behaviors with self-esteem, skills development, and positive goals for the future. This is accomplished through mental health care with LMHCs, accredited online individualized education, vocational training, life skills mentoring, and community service. Employing unique strategies in counseling, education and mentoring, Project LIFT assists vulnerable teens in the shift from self-destructive behaviors to habits that will lead to success in life.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="145,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="205,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="350,000"/>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text" value="350000"/>	<input type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="350,000"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	50 Gas cards--\$2,500; 3 Drivers--\$6,250/yr; Fleet of cars: gas, repairs, maintenance--\$8,500; 60 Mental health care workbooks (anger, aggression, anxiety, depression, antisocial, borderline, narcissistic)--\$2,750; 20 laptops for high school educational program and vocational training--\$7,500; Excursion and field trips--\$5,000; Online educational platform (Edmentum) for 20 students--\$50,000; Drug test kit panel for 60 program participants (2 X month--\$10,500; and Life Skills presenters.	95,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	In support of the program: --Contracted Licensed Therapist--\$31,500; 10 hrs/wk at \$60/hr --Contracted Case Manager--\$10,000; 5 hrs/wk --Contracted ARNP working with a psychiatrist--\$8,500; 2.5 hrs/2wks	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Building renovation for new vocational rehab centers: car repair, welding, screen printing, robotics, computer programming and electrician service training--\$84,000 Vocational tools & machinery for auto repair, electrician training & welding--\$50,000 Vocational tools for robotics/computer programming program--\$21,000 Commercial screen printing machine--\$35,000 Carpentry/General contracting equipment--\$15,000	205,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000



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11. Program Performance

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

At risk teen males (14-19 yrs old) will receive mental health care and substance abuse (opioid) therapy through licensed mental health counselors (LMHC) to improve their mental health and help them become drug and alcohol free upon program graduation. Referrals from the criminal justice system will not reoffend. High school dropouts will improve literacy, math skills and/or graduate with an accredited diploma. All program graduates will move towards employment, enlistment or enrollment in post-secondary education. Improved economic self sufficiency. Reduced use of Medicaid and other government subsidized social service programs.

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

Vocational rehabilitation training. Substance abuse (opioid) therapy, education and workshops. Life skills workshops--conflict resolution, anger management, communication skills, decision making, etc. Case management. Online education through the Edmentum high school platform, an approved provider by the Florida Department of Education and the Marion County School district.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Travel accommodations through gas cards or pickup/dropoff services. Access to LMHC, Case Management, ARNP for psychiatric medication prescriptions. Vocational job training. One-on-one tutoring while pursuing a high school diploma. Mentoring in life skills. Wrap around services.

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

At risk 14-19 year old males. 60 individuals are expected to be served, including 20 full-time, drop out students and 40 after school students.

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

Job Readiness, Workforce Development, Employment, Enlistment, Enrollment, Increased literacy and math skills, High School Graduation; Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scales (CFARS)--Industry standard of care in Mental Health Substance Abuse Inventory; Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire; Pre- and Post- program surveys on job readiness. Client Long-term Success Survey--5 year tracking of graduates to assess substance abuse relapse, recidivism, employment, enrollment, and enlistment. Edmentum online High School Assessment tools to track literacy and math progress. Successful completion and graduation from high school.

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?

Loss of funding for not meeting deliverables.



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12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☒ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.