



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1292

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Community Court is a collaborative effort of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward Courts and several service and treatment providers including Henderson Behavioral Health. The Community Court combines conventional punishments with alternative sanctions, on-site treatment and training in an effort to break the "revolving door" cycle of quality of life crimes. It is an innovative approach to handling certain low-level misdemeanor crimes and violations of municipal ordinances and is designed to engage the community, help offenders and assist individuals in need of services and resources. The program predominantly serves homeless individuals and the goal is to provide a therapeutic approach that can lead to a positive long-term outcome, such as reducing crime and helping individuals become productive members of society.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="136,387"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	136,387

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 style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="136387"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="75.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="45,463"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="25"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	181,850	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		
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If 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	Community Court Administrative Supervisor - Responsible for the the administrative coordination of the Community Court activities. The administrative supervisor also oversees the the fiscal management of court activities.	46,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies for court participants including hygiene kits, bus passes, birth certificates, and state issued identification. In addition to Court operating costs such as advertising, marketing materials, janitorial services for court space, parking fees for service providers providing mobile services, office equipment, furniture, office supplies.	90,387
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		136,387



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11. Program Performance

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

In November 2018, the average daily jail population in Broward County was roughly 3,500. The goal of this program is to reduce that number through a Community Court program that addresses the needs of at-large, homeless, petty crime and municipal ordinance offenders. Community Court focuses on the root causes of each defendant's issues, applying appropriate therapeutic and community service based punishments. Participants must choose to take an active role in their rehabilitation, and agree to give back to the community in the form of community service, once their situation is stable. It will assist Community Court by providing the necessary resources that will improve the outcome of program participants and support staff training and supply them with materials needed to administer the program effectively.

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

Funding will support the operational expenses of the weekly court sessions in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Commission Chambers. Over 300 cases will be heard during the sessions, providing participants with access to services specific to their needs including hygiene kits, bus passes, birth certificates, and state issued identification in addition to access to social service agencies.

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

Citizens will be able to connect with partnering agencies on-site to participate in the various services offered such as mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, medical services, hair grooming, hygiene supplies, workforce development and community service.

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

The target population is over 300 individuals experiencing homelessness in addition to the residents and businesses that are impacted by the violations of the City of Fort Lauderdale's municipal ordinances and certain state crimes such as petty theft, trespassing, and others. As the county seat of Broward County, the City is disproportionately impacted by issues involving homelessness.

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

The expected outcome of the project is to (1) enhance the quality-of-life of all residents in the City of Fort Lauderdale, (2) to increase offender accountability and reduce recidivism rates, and (3) strengthen community partnerships and collaboration. Quality-of-life outcomes are measured by the percentage of participants that are referred for social services and the number of community service hours completed by participants over the course of a calendar year. The second outcome is measured by the number of times alternatives are provided in lieu of incarcerations, number of community service-based opportunities provided and the compliance rate of all program participants. The third outcome will be measured by the number of efforts and established partnerships created in a calendar year through various means, such as presentations at community events, multi-agency meetings, and electronic communications.

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?

If deliverables are not met, the associated expenses should be ineligible for reimbursement.



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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.