



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1370

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Founded in 2009, Ladies Empowerment & Action Program (LEAP) is a one of a kind and evidence-based pre and post prison reentry program for women transitioning from Florida State prisons. LEAP provides transformational education to women during and after prison with the aim of reducing recidivism and homelessness, and increasing employment among formerly incarcerated women. LEAP also provides a continuum of care that extends beyond prison, including a paid retail training program at LEAP's Dragonfly Thrift Boutique, transitional Housing, job placement and training, and case management.

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: 80%;" type="text" value="250,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

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: 80%;" type="text" value="250000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="48.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="10,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="260,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>520,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

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 style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director salary. No benefits.	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Office Manager salary. No benefits	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Paid internship for participants; case manager salary, in prison instructors salary, business instructor salary	115,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent and utilities for transitional house; Rent for Dragonfly Thrift Boutique (site for paid employment training program); travel to Lowell Correctional for class selection	95,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

Reduced recidivism -- over last 10 years LEAP graduates have less than a 5% rate of return to prison.  
Increased employment among formerly incarcerated women who participate in LEAP.  
Increased housing among formerly incarcerated women who participate in LEAP.  
Reduced use of social services among LEAP graduates and their children.

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

1. In prison instruction for 50-60 women/year. 300+ hours of classes at the Homestead Correctional Institute for Women over 8 months that includes employment readiness, entrepreneurship and trauma informed substance abuse programming.
2. Post release case management
3. Post release paid job training
4. Transitional Housing

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

1. In prison education, covering life and employability skills, entrepreneurship training and entrepreneurship;
2. Employment at LEAP's Dragonfly Thrift Boutique;
3. Transitional Housing;
4. Case Management.

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

Women incarcerated with the Florida Department of Corrections who are within one year of release. The number of women served includes 50-60 graduates per year and 100-150 additional women who receive post release follow up services.

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

1. 75% of LEAP grads with a history of addiction will continue with substance abuse program for 6 months post release, as measured by case manager follow up.
2. 90% of residents of LEAP house will remain sober and attend therapy for duration of their residence as measured by random testing and case manager follow up.
3. 85% of all Leap grad and 100% of those at LEAP house will have jobs with a living wage within 3 months of release, as measured by case manager follow up.
4. 96% of LEAP graduates will remain crime free, as measured by Department of Corrections data.
5. 100% of LEAP transitional house residents will obtain permanent housing within two years of their release from prison.

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?

Provide a reasonable explanation for why performance objectives were not met and how monies were spent. The explanation should include what, if anything was learned, what steps can be taken and a timeline so that expected deliverables can be made in the future. If a reasonable explanation is not provided, applicant should be excluded from future funding for at least a year. In the case of egregious misuse of funds, the applicant should be required to refund the monies.



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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.