



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2565

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

In support of the State of Florida's strategies to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida's prison population in order to sustain costs reductions, Ready4Work-Hillsborough (R4W-H) is requesting additional funds to cover its existing annual funding shortfall, serve more returning citizens, and add the direct client service of basic computer literacy training which provides essential skills that are critical in today's society and workplace.

See current proviso Specific Appropriation 751

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: 100%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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: 100%;" type="text" value="500000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="30.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="61"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="100,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="6"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="50,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="3"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>1,650,000</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: 100%;" type="text" value="2018-19"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="745"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2565

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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and essential life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance. [see existing contract with Florida Department of Corrections]	500,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2565

#### 11. Program Performance

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

In support of the State of Florida's strategies to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida's prison population in order to sustain costs reductions, Ready4Work-Hillsborough's goal is to generate returns on investment not only by reducing recidivism, but also by reducing crime, and breaking cycles of hopelessness and incarceration. R4W-H's approach through comprehensive reentry services and employment reduces crime, provides job and economic development, and helps to foster contributing members to society at reduced costs to taxpayers.

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

Per the existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and essential life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance. [see existing contract with Florida Department of Corrections]

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

Per the existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and essential life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance. [see existing contract with Florida Department of Corrections]

The current recurring appropriation funding level is insufficient to cover the direct client services being provided. Funds are exhausted before the end of the fiscal year and some direct services provided are not able to be reimbursed. Additional funds will not only address the existing funding shortfall, but

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

Offenders under Department of Corrections' community supervision and formerly incarcerated inmates (no more than three (3) years post-release) returning to Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, or Polk counties. In 2018-2019, R4W-H served 275 people. We expect to serve 335 people with the help of the additional funding.

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

The expected benefit of R4W-H is to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida's prison population in order to sustain costs reductions. Ready4Work-Hillsborough (R4W-H) measures recidivism in the most conservative way... that being an arrest of any kind. R4W-H's annual recidivism rate is 13% compared to a national rate of 66% and a published state rate of 27.6%. The annual cost of incarceration in Florida Department of Corrections is approximately \$20,367 per person [OPPAGA Report January 2019]. The average annual costs of the R4W-H program is \$5,000 per participant. Last year, R4W-H served 275 returning citizens. If 87% (100% - 13% [R4W-H Recidivism Rate] = 87%; 239 people) of the individuals that R4W-H assists in comprehensive reentry services and are not rearrested, that yields \$3.6 Million ( $\$20,367 - \$5,000 = \$15,367$ ;  $239 \times \$15,367 = \$3,672,713$ ) annual tax-payer cost savings on re-incarceration.

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?

Ready4Work-Hillsborough's existing contract through the Florida Department of Corrections includes penalties for not meeting performance goals that are clearly outlined. [see existing contract with the Florida Department of Corrections]



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2565

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.**

Not Applicable

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.