



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1091

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP) assists parents who do not have custody of their children, are unemployed or underemployed, and are having difficulty meeting their child support obligations to establish a pattern of child support payments by obtaining and maintaining unsubsidized, competitive employment, to be better parents and help them become self-sufficient.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	26%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,416,000	74%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,916,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	1,416,000	250,000	2235	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

There is not a comparable funding source. This project goes beyond the services offered by traditional workforce development funding to accompany clients through the court system.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

GCJFCS received PPP funding but was able to use existing resources to avoid the need to draw on these funds. The bulk of these funds will be returned.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Directors are responsible for program & administrative oversight, serve as a liaisons with the community and funders and work closely toward program growth and fiscal diversity through grants and community involvement.	11,673
Other Salary and Benefits	QI Specialist (Responsible for conducting statewide internal file reviews to ensure compliance and quarterly outcomes achieved). Grant Accountant (Responsible for preparing monthly reimbursement reports, budgets, contract audit preparation and other financial information as required by the program).	15,725
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	16 Employment specialists (9 for Greater Tampa Bay and 7 for Miami) Responsible for comprehensive case management and support to participants. 4 Program administrative assistants (3 for Greater Tampa Bay and 1 for Miami) and 2 data entry clerks.	331,359
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating costs (mileage, parking, travel, supplies, printing, postage, telephone, Internet, utilities, maintenance, equipment rental/repair, rent, computer licensing, computer supplies, advertising, insurance, employee testing, client needs, indirect cost, and CareerSource fee).	136,712
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Gulf Coast JFCS has contracted annually to conduct an independent evaluation by a third party evaluator to determine the efficacy of the program. The most recent evaluation was conducted in 2019-20 by Dr. Blount of W.R. BLOUNT & ASSOCIATES, INC. The results of the independent 3rd party evaluation will be made available upon request.	4,531
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Fiscal Year 21-22 funds will be expended as follows: a) At least 1,200 clients will be served in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco, and Miami-Dade Counties. b) Standard contract expenses such as: operating costs to include facility rent/lease and to support program activities (mileage, supplies, utilities, etc.) Salaries and benefits for 28 staff including: 1 Senior Director, 1 Program Director, 1 Senior Team Lead, 3 Team Leads, 16 Employment Specialist's, 4 Administrative Assistants, and 2 Data Entry Clerks. c) Supportive Services for client needs (limited), include transportation, uniform, shoes, tools, driver's license reinstatement, GED fees, and etc.

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

NCPEP will serve 1,200 non custodial unemployed/underemployed parents with gaining and maintaining employment so that they may to establish a regular pattern of child support payments. Additionally, efforts will focus on reemployment training for clients impacted by COVID.

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



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Job development, supervised job search, job placement, case monitoring, educational assessments, contingency funds for: transportation, work attire, vehicle maintenance, and personal hygiene. Short term trade/skills training for construction trades helpers, security guards, and etc. Support service referrals (mediation, substance abuse counseling). Reemployment training for clients impacted by COVID. Additional direct services include court accompaniment for child support hearings. COVID has impacted visits however, JFCS anticipates this service continuing.

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

Low-income, unemployed or underemployed non-custodial parents who are not meeting their child support obligations. The program expects to enroll 1,200 clients state-wide.

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

Enrollments = 1,200 clients, 90 days employment retention = 634, 180 days Employment Retention = 423, upgrade in position = 102, increase in wages = 254, child support Payments = 550, training/certification = 457, entered employment = 845. Program data is recorded in two systems: The state System OSST (One Stop Service Tracking) and the Gulf Coast JFCS internal system, Avatar. Participants' information and all backup documentation are scanned into the CareerSource electronic system, Atlas.

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 the contract?

Repayment of portion of the funds, proportionate to shortfall in deliverables

13. 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 We do not receive capital outlay funding.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number