



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1161

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The mission of Red Tent is to provide incarcerated women with skills to heal and improve their lives through trauma informed programs. Since 1990 incarceration of women has increased 700% and now outpaces men 2:1 throughout the US. Pinellas County and Florida are no exception. Red Tent has been working with women in the Pinellas County Jail since 2012 with an informed program to help them resolve the unresolved trauma. It is the longest running program at the jail. Trauma typically underlies the unhealthy decisions incarcerated women have made in their lives and with resolution of the trauma supports greater healing and better decisions. Resolution also improves self esteem, life effectiveness and reduces recidivism. Red Tent is proud to have an experienced program to counter the increased recidivism of women and has the opportunity to double capacity in the Pinellas County Jail and wants to expand it to other jails throughout Florida. This request will fund building capacity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	25%
Other	50,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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

Yes

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

Red Tent received funding from Payroll Protection Plan in the amount of \$18,500.00

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	A portion of the requested funds will be designated for the Executive Director to lead the organization in its mission. The Executive Director also helps to provide support to the program's participants.	26,000
Other Salary and Benefits	A part time administrative assistant is needed to handle the many operational details and support evaluation efforts. Hourly wages and payroll taxes are included in this amount.	13,475
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A contracted data collection professional will be assisting with newly implemented process. Payroll taxes not included.	6,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two full time facilitators, one sewing instructor and a vocational instructor are needed to effectively run programming. A portion of this will go toward these individuals salaries.	48,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The expansion of classes at the jail will require supplies, a computer, software, and support services for the personnel. Red Tent relies heavily on volunteers and interns and so equipment and supplies are needed for the services they provide.	2,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Red Tent uses contract therapists to assist in the services delivery, funds will be used to expand the hours of counseling delivered by contracted personnel. Social media, marketing and fundraising is needed for this expansion in addition to support the everyday operations.	3,525
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Red Tent provides science-based trauma informed curriculum to incarcerated women in Pinellas County Jail. This has proven to be effective in reducing recidivism and assisting women in addressing issues such as addiction and chronic arrests. Following release, The Red Tent continues to offer supportive services and connections to other needed programs. These funds will double our capacity at the Pinellas County Jail and to initiate a program in Pasco County Jail. We expect to serve an 200 additional women in the year as a result of the additional funding.

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



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Incarcerated women at the jails may participate in The Red Tent program that provides a science-based trauma informed counseling program that provides the women participating with strategies to understand their past life choices and experiences and develop a personal plan for the future. The women are equipped with a "toolbox" of knowledge, resources, and techniques that support an improved and healthy life. Once release, the women can continue connection with The Red Tent to continue their reintegration with additional opportunities for behavioral health counseling, employment assistance, and connection to family. This has shown to promote stability and reduce recidivism.

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

The women served receive the full array of The Red Tent counseling and support services. The families of these women benefit from a stable family member and in most cases mother to her children. Citizens in general benefit from a likely safer community, increased employment and less reliance on public assistance for the participants, and improved outcomes for children whose mother is stable and able to provide care for her family.

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

The target population is incarcerated women in jails in Pinellas and Pasco County. We expect to serve 200 women with these funds.

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

1. Reduced recidivism. We track re-arrest and its reduction. We are currently working with the University of South Florida to complete this research and develop an on going measure. Previous research by the jail indicates reduced recidivism which is why they fund the one class and why this is the longest operating class at the jail.
2. Improved Self Esteem. Through the use of the Rosenberg Self Esteem Scale we measure self esteem at three different time intervals.
3. Improved Life Effectiveness. Through the Life Effectiveness Quotient survey we measure various elements of an improved life at three different time intervals to see the progress of an improved life.

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?

Aside from payback of the proportionate amount of funds related to meeting the outcomes, The Red Tent does not suggest any other penalties.

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



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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