



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1371

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 with the goal of providing 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?**

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 | 100,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | 200,000 | 100% |

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

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2021-22 | 0 | 88,000 | 3155 | 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.**
- Local funds.

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



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Yes

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

*FY 2020 CARES Act Funding:
 The City was allocated \$13.1 million.
 \$2.1 million for small businesses
 \$1.6 million for residential assistance
 \$9.1 million to offset actual expenses like PPE, family sick time, FMLA testing site expenses, public safety payroll.
 *FY 2022 (received in FY 2021) ARPA Funding:
 The City was allocated 19.1 million first payment
 \$16.2 million was allocated to lost revenue
 \$2.9 million will fund a TBD eligible capital project

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| 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, mobile services, office equipment, furniture, and office supplies. | 100,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| 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?

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 in 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. The program will provide 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 and treatment agencies.

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



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Participants 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 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Engaging this group will also provide benefit to 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 the contract?

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

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