



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1477

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A Vision of Redemption, Inc. (AVOR) is a grassroots nonprofit organization serving children and families affected by incarceration. Our Family Reconnection Program (FRP) was created to provide a vehicle where parents who are incarcerated can maintain a relationship with their children. The program facilitates the development of self-confidence, emotional wellness, and economic self-sufficiency for these families by creating a network of resources and a foundation for family reunification. The FRP is built on evidence based practices and includes parenting classes, promoting literacy between parent and child through the Storybook Program, transporting children and families on monthly visits, support groups, and wraparound services.

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	880,159
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	880,159

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)	880,159	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	880,159	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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.

\$29,000 federal CARES Act funding (2020) used to assist in providing local families struggling with food insecurities with groceries on a weekly basis.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Full-time Employees: Executive Director and Program Manager. Includes payroll taxes and worker's comp.	167,855
Other Salary and Benefits	(2) Full-time Accountants, (1) Administrative Assistant.	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Inmate parenting, Storybook program, transportation, caregiver support programs, family supports, and operational costs (\$439,754). Purchase (7) transport vans (\$105,000).	544,754
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Drivers, instructors, camp counselor, payroll service, and evaluator.	92,550
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		880,159

12. Program Performance

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

Reconnecting families, lower recidivism rates for incarcerated parents, positive relationship building with parent and child, promoting literacy for parent and child, mitigation of further trauma to the child, aiding behavioral and emotional wellness for children, providing caregiver support and resources to better aid family's financial burden.

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

1. Parenting classes for inmates to learn how to interact with their children.
2. Storybook for parent and child that will serve as icebreakers on first visit and promote literacy.
3. Transportation for regular monthly visits to and from prison for children and caregivers.
4. Host support group Provide regular monthly visits to those children and caregivers.

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

The Parenting Inside Out Curriculum helps individuals returning from incarceration to improve relationships with their children, spouses or significant other. Provides storybooks to inmates and their children and promote family literacy on the first and subsequent visits. Assist in transporting children and caregivers to and from prison for regular monthly visits; and host a support group for caregivers so they share their experiences, access other resources to strengthen family cohesion, and learn to heal their families.

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

Inmates parents, children/families of inmates, custodial parents/caregiver. We expect to serve 101-200 people.

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



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Reduce recidivism and behavioral infractions, improve literacy and skills for parent and child, and increase family cohesion.

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?

The Department of Children and Families standard contract requirements.

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