



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1815

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Brevard Reentry Portal is a collaboration of My Community Cares (MCC), the Brevard Reentry Task Force, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC), and the UCF Florida Prison Education Project (FPEP) to facilitate the successful reintegration of ex-offenders returning to Brevard County based on evidenced-based practices. By replicating the models from the Jacksonville Reentry Center (JREC) and the Palm Beach County RESTORE Reentry Program, we provide State inmates with pre- and post-release services to assist in their transition back into the community in order to reduce recidivism and improve public safety. We have a strong partnership with the Brevard Clerk of Court and have a one-of-a-kind collaboration that allows our clients to make \$25 a month payment to the Clerk of Court so they can secure a valid driver's license. We also partner with the Brevard County Tax Collector to secure our clients' driver's license. As of 1/23, we have secured 117 driver's licenses for our clients.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	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 2023-2024	750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	750,000	726	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.



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The Brevard Reentry Portal is always searching for local and federal funding through grants. We did apply for a Federal Second Chance Reentry grant with our Managing Entity but was not awarded this year. However, the reviewer did note we had a strong grant application. We will be reapplying for that particular grant this year.

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

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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used to provide ex-offender reentry case management and support services by Brevard Reentry Portal qualified case managers. Case management services include outreach, needs assessment, plan of care, follow up/plan review, and employment assistance. Support services include assistance with securing a valid driver's license, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBI) classes, 24/7 Dad Program, transportation, employment assistance, medical financial assistance, and education assistance.	750,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Brevard Reentry Portal in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) seeks to provide releasing inmates with tools to become contributing members of the community. The purpose of the funds is to provide assistance to the FDC population returning to Brevard County in need of reintegration services that include employment and housing assistance, substance abuse treatment and mental health referrals. By funding this evidence-based reentry program, we will be able to assist releasing inmates who are integrating back into the community as we help them live successful, crime-free lives. By keeping our recidivism rate significantly below the state average, we strive for increased public safety.

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

Clients served by these funds will receive risk needs assessment and case planning based on those needs. Activities and services include career development skills, education assistance, assistance in obtaining records, employment assistance, housing, emergency food, clothing, transportation, mental health, substance abuse services, SSI/SSDI application assistance, family reunification services, and assistance with obtaining a valid driver's license. Case managers also provide clients in need of a cognitive behavioral intervention with the University of Cincinnati's CBI program and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) as we address their criminogenic needs.

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

Direct services include wraparound case management, career development skills, education assistance, assistance in obtaining records, employment assistance, housing, emergency food, clothing, transportation, mental health, substance abuse services, SSI/SSDI application assistance, family reunification services, and assistance with obtaining a valid driver's license. Case managers also provide clients in need of a cognitive behavioral intervention with the University of Cincinnati's CBI program, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and 24/7 Dad Program as we address their criminogenic needs.

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

State inmates returning to Brevard County upon release that FDC identifies as high risk and moderate risk to reoffend. State inmates that have been released from prison within the last 3 years. Also, felony probationers under supervision of the Department of Corrections who are identified as maximum and medium risk. The felony probationers are those who have been sentenced within the last 3 years. Individuals to be served will be 201 to 400 per year.

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

Reduced recidivism costs to the State of Florida taxpayers. Reduced rearrest rates and Return to FDC rates. We have shown a substantial return on investment monetarily and when measuring the potential of human capital. Our 3-year recidivism rate is 4% compared to the State's 3-year recidivism rate of 21.2%. An independent evaluator has already agreed to donate his time to complete an evaluation of our program.

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?

FDC will impose financial consequences of one percent of the total allocation if 100% of required reports are not timely filed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number