



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2992

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

4. Project/Program Description

Operation New Hope provides re-entry services which includes both pre-release and post-release programs. The ONH Ready4Release (pre-release) program meets with inmates up to nine months prior to release to create a transition plan and provide ongoing case management. The ONH Ready4Work (post release) program provides case management, mental health support, job readiness and soft skills training, career and technical education, and a dedicated job coach. Additional supportive services are available such as: transportation, transitional housing assistance, clothing assistance, medical / vision support, vital documents, and work attire support. This budget year, ONH plans to expand to Central Florida providing in person services to hundreds of returning citizens in that region of the state. A key indicator of our success is measured by a 3-year 8.64% recidivism rate compared to FDOC's recidivism rate of 24.5%

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	7,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	7,500,000

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)	7,500,000	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,225,000	11%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,250,000	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	10,975,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	1,225,000	3,000,000	766	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

If not state funding, Operation New Hope would have to rely on private contributions from donors to meet the needs of our program participants.



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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.

In 2021, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Funds were received and used to keep employees on payroll. With the PPP funds we were able to keep all employees working and serving our clients in need.

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	The goal of ONH focused re-entry programs is to provide job training and placement for the most difficult to employ thereby reducing recidivism for the State of Florida. The funding includes a 18% indirect cost to support staff travel, facilities expense, and training and related equipment. ONH will also open a new R4W location in Central Florida.	7,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		7,500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Operation New Hope will deliver our nationally-recognized, reentry services to returning citizens and people affected by the justice system. Our programs and services increase public safety through reduced recidivism, lower unemployment rates and reduced incarceration costs to the state. We also impact the community by addressing the lack of quality reentry programs, increasing the number of available skilled workers, helping to treat substance abuse and addiction and helping to break cycles of poverty. Our Ready4Work program reports a 3-year recidivism rate of 8.64% compared to the FDC rate of 24.5%. We are saving taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding repeated cost of incarceration and lost tax revenue. In 2022 we will open a new location in Central Florida.

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

Pre-release direct services include building a face-to-face transition plan document, ongoing case management and coordination of housing and other support services prior to release. Post-release direct services include full-time employment placement through job training, case management, substance abuse treatment, and mental health support. Direct services also include assistance and funding for: housing, transportation, medical, vital documents, and clothing/work attire. A new location in Central Florida and an eLearning platform will be developed.

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

Implementing a comprehensive 4-pronged approach (case management, supportive services, job training, and job placement assistance), our Ready4Work post-release program ensures each client succeeds. Our clients can receive up to \$5,000 in supportive services and earned incentives while enrolled in the program, including transitional housing and transportation. We also work with post-secondary educational institutions to address the skills gap of employment needs and offer vocational training to provide our clients with a competitive edge that leads to living wage employment. In addition to our Ready4Work program, Operation New Hope successfully delivers Ready4Release pre-release services to 17 prisons. Our dedicated pre-release team meets face to face with inmates prior to release to create individualized transition plans for a successful transition back to the community.

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, current or formerly incarcerated persons, and Florida resident affected by the justice system in their past. We will anticipate serving approximately 600-800 pre-release inmates and 600-750 post release individuals.

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

The expected outcomes are to enable returning citizens to become stable, learn life and job skills that will enable them to find employment that will allow them to be self-supporting thereby reducing recidivism and creating law abiding taxpayers. This reduction in recidivism also decreases the state's correction's costs and unemployment. All of our data is managed in the Efforts to Outcomes software (by Social Solutions). Measurements are based off: career development graduation, job placement, job retention, average salary, and recidivism.

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?

There are significant final penalties associated with nonperformance and not meeting project targets.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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