



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1870

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Horizon Communities Corporation is a faith and character-based curriculum and life skills training that is taught to over 4,000 incarcerated men and women, preparing them to live responsibly with others. This program creates a safer prison environment for security staff and the incarcerated, while promoting public safety. Reduction in inmate idleness and increased education levels are consistent with our program outcomes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operating | 1,422,853 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,422,853 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,422,853 | 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 2025-2026 | 1,422,853 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2024-25 | 200,000 | 1,103,451 | 763 | No |

9. Is future-year 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.

Grants and donations.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Executive Director oversees the training, operation and fidelity of the Horizon program. Provides management to 15 employees and oversight to the logistics of presenting coursework and materials for 3,000 participants. | 86,105 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | 12 coordinator positions overseeing program activities daily for the Horizon participants. Between 80-360 participants can be assigned to any one coordinator. Coordinators provide course schedules, maintain computer labs, evaluate progress, and make referrals to education for GED testing. Also, includes payroll and employment. | 811,690 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Provides 80 computers, 4,000 manuals, visual equipment, classroom seating, and classroom supplies (i.e. paper, pens, pencils, whiteboards, markers, etc.) Travel to set up and activate 2 new facilities and to maintain the existing 9 facilities. | 525,058 |
| 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) | | 1,422,853 |

13. Program Performance

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



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Faith and Character based curriculum and life skills training will be taught to over 4000 incarcerated men and women, preparing them to live responsibly with others. Creating a safer prison environment for security staff and the incarcerated, while promoting public safety. The support of a reentry facility that will provide housing for those released from the Department of Corrections custody.

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

Dorms are transformed into communities that learn how to behave in socially acceptable ways, reducing inmate idleness, improving behavior and promoting public safety. Providing housing and employment for returning citizens out of incarceration, to include those paroled from life sentences.

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

Programs offered through Horizon Communities are Quest, REEFS, and Computer Labs. Also, Conscious Discipline, victim impact, and restorative justice principles have shown the outcome of restoring self-esteem, responsibility and productivity to inmates while they are incarcerated and once they are released. This serves not only the inmate but also the citizens in the community to which they enter.

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

Men and Women who are incarcerated in Florida Department of Corrections.
More than 3,000 Men and Women will be served this fiscal year through this project.

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

Current and formerly incarcerated persons will benefit from the project and the outcome will be safer communities for the rest of our society. Our disciplinary rates as well as recidivism rates are measured by the Florida Department of Corrections.

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 in the contract?

Provide program coordinators for supervision of Quest classes, REEFS classes, and operation of the FCB Residential Program computer lab. Measure: Provide monthly time-sheets for hours worked and the monthly activity report. Consequence: If the Contractor fails to meet this Performance Measure, financial consequences of \$15 per hour. Provide a minimum of 18 Quest classes, 18 REEFS, and 18 Computer Lab classes during each FY. Financial consequences of \$200 per class under the required amount.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

Yes, Applied

Yes, Received

No

No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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