



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1376

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

4. Project/Program Description

Horizon Communities would like to expand from their current 7 institutions to 9 institutions. This would include teaching REEFS, Quest, and computer labs in each facility. One of the facilities is an institution wide program, placing Horizon in every dorm. The funding used would provide for office space for Horizon employees, computers for the labs, books and materials, and monetary compensation for employees. Courses will be taught to more than 3,000 incarcerated men and women. A re-entry facility has been obtained to provide housing and employment to graduates of the Horizon program, that are released from the Department of Corrections, to include those with life sentences on parole. Funds would also go to resourcing this facility.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,052,737
Fixed Capital Outlay	50,714
Total State Funds Requested	1,103,451

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,103,451	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 2024-2025	1,103,451	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	200,000	500,000	748	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.
- Donations and grants.

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.

PPP loan for \$68,353.40 - was used only for payroll from 5/2020 - 10/2020.

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
 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?

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.

Horizon Communities owns the property and will provide housing and employment to the formerly incarcerated that had graduated from the prison program, as well as those with life sentences released on parole.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	12 Coordinator positions overseeing program activities daily for the Horizon participants. Between 80-240 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.	685,382
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 7 facilities.	281,250
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Purchase a property to become a re-entry facility for those released from Florida State Prisons that have completed the Horizon program. Installation of 5 housing units and 1 community center that will provide education and vocational training.	50,714
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,103,451

14. Program Performance

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

Faith and Character based curriculum and life skills training will be taught to over 3000 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, 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 re-enter.

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

Incarcerated men and women are served by this project. More than 3000 men and women are expected to be served during this fiscal year.

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

Horizon dorms have helped prisons to be safer for both security staff and the inmates housed there. Disciplinary Reports, contraband, and assaults are recorded by the Department of Corrections. These incidents have been reduced every time Horizon has entered a prison and it is believed that this will continue. Also, recidivism rates are measured, and Horizon has a recidivism rate of 5.4% after 23 years of operation. The reentry facility will provide funds to help future ventures by Horizon in an effort to relieve the burden of state funds.

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?

Loss of funding for failure to meet deliverables.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization



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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