

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Children of Inmates: Family Strengthening and Reunification
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Richard Stark
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		750,000	750,000		1,500,000	1,500,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Corrections
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
Financial Consequences of \$1,250.00 per occurrence if at least eighteen (18) bonding programs are not completed-annually.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Shellie Solomon
- b. Organization: Children of Inmates, Inc.
- c. Email: sesolomon@childrenofimates.org
- d. Phone #: (786)781-5141

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Yolanda Cash Jackson
- b. Firm: Becker & Poliakoff
- c. Email: yjackson@bplegal.com
- d. Phone #: (954)985-4132

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Children of Inmates, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Incarceration of parents/caregivers impacts 300,000 Florida children. Research demonstrates that these children engage in anti-social behaviors and suffer mental illness at higher levels, putting them on the path toward incarceration themselves. Children of Inmates, Inc. interrupts this pattern by collaborating with FDC to rebuild families with wellness, literacy, civic and STEM learning experiences that support both children and their incarcerated parent's improvements as a family unit.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive director will be dedicated at 20 percent time to project management and leadership including building collaborative partnerships with local agencies, integrating services with FDC and overseeing operation.	31,200
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Fiscal staff (1 FTE) will be supported at 50% time for the management of budgeting, invoicing, internal controls and audit support.	30,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$11,300 will be expended for travel to administrative meetings with FDC and partnering agencies across the State. \$20,000 will be allocated to office rent to support housing of COI staff, social work interns and AmeriCorps staff. \$2,500 will be reserved for office supplies.	33,800

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	<p>\$5,000 will be reserved for Operational Audit Costs. \$10,000 will be reserved for liability and associated insurance. \$10,000 will be reserved to contract an independent study of program impacts (Applications for research funds will be submitted to federal and private sources.)</p>	<p>25,000</p>
<p>Operational Costs:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	<p>\$312,500 will be reserved to hire up to five FTE social work and/or criminal justice staff to support family outreach across the Florida and work with incarcerated parents within FDC system. \$67,500 will be reserved to support COI Corps college intern stipends and reemployment support.</p>	<p>380,000</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	<p>\$250,000 will be reserved to support transportation costs for children (and appropriate caregivers) to participate in the child focused bonding visitation programs and special child focus developmental events from metropolitan and rural areas. \$250,000 will be reserved to support program supplies for wellness, literacy, civics and STEM learning experiences.</p>	<p>500,000</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	<p>COI is a collaboration of 14 community and faith based organizations with an intention to</p>	<p>500,000</p>

	expand to up to 20 organizations across the state. As such, \$500,000 will be reserved to support subcontracts to partner agencies with specialized skills including mental health, physical health, literacy, child brain development, STEM, civics, information technology and advocacy to support the operationalization of the enhanced learning experiences and to support expansion to rural and metropolitan.	
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,500,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Over \$10 million in local/federal/private funds have been invested in COI in 10 years. COI has 20,000+ social media followers. COI has been covered by Time Magazine, New York Times, NPR, USA Today and within all the media markets in Tampa, South Florida, and Leon County. Over 100 letters of supports from public/ private agencies and individuals such as the State Attorney's, Juvenile Assessment Centers, Chief Judges, Children's Trust, family members, etc. have been received.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

In April 2015, the Anne E. Casey Foundation identified 312,000 children with incarcerated parents in the State of Florida and discussed the significant challenges faced by targeted children. Cambridge University published a meta-analysis in 2008 scientifically establishing the anti-social and mental health risk factors for children with incarcerated parents.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

COI will conduct a minimum of 60 bonding visits to support family strengthening in FL correctional facilities with this funding. In 2018, by leveraging State and local funding, COI conducted 74 visits involving over 846 incarcerated parent/caregivers, 1,686 children with 848 caregivers. COI will work with incarcerated individuals and FDC to identify and began proactive engagement of "fragile families" to ensure the safety and well being of children.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Direct services will include transportation for "fragile families" to reunite with the incarcerated parent during bonding visits, facilitating civic and STEM education and engagement activities to foster the literacy rates and community connectedness, making referrals to appropriate service providers to meet basic and crisis needs including homelessness, substance abuse and educational needs and advocacy services to enhance public understanding of this plight of children of incarcerated parents.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons

- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Reduce physical and verbal aggression and anti-social behaviors in children with incarcerated parents who exhibit these behaviors.	Pre and post tests on knowledge of key civic responsibilities and principles as provided in evidence based curriculum prior to and

		following each learning experience.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Using evidence-based curriculum from 4-H and the US Civics organization, increase knowledge of civic responsibilities and principles by children and their incarcerated parents.	Pre and post tests on knowledge of key civic responsibilities and principles as provided in evidence based curriculum prior to and following each learning experience.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Increase coping and parenting skills (including injury prevention) through individual sessions, support groups and learning experiences for incarcerated parents, caregivers and children.	FDC Risk Assessment Tool for incarcerated parents provided at intake and every six months. Self Sufficient tool for caregivers and children provided at intake and every six months.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Creating 5 new social/criminal justice work positions with COI. Creating 5 new social work positions within partnering agencies. Creating up to 25 COI Corp positions and 20 paid internship stipends.	Number of positions created, individuals hired and individuals successful beyond the three month probationary period. Positive student evaluations. Positive COI Corps evaluations.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Facilitate social services to low income caregivers and returning citizens to link them to services to increase earning potential, build assets, reduce reliance on public assistance and establish a family budget. Work specifically with the "fragile families."	Evidence-based self sufficiency tool, conducted at intake and every six months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Create strong bond between incarcerated parent, children and caregivers during the family bonding visits to promote family support for the incarcerated parent upon returning to community. Link the returning citizen with ongoing community support as a result of relationship with COI and its partners, leading to potential job opportunities, access to community based support groups, counseling and medical services and mentors.	Track the recidivism of incarcerated parent participants.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Interrupt intergeneration incarceration by identifying, working with and supporting children with incarcerated parent. Research from Cambridge University documents that these children are more at risk of anti-social behaviors than their peers. Work specifically with the population from "fragile families."	Child behavior assessment tools conducted at intake and every six months. Track juvenile arrests for participating children and youth.

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Literacy/ STEM Education	Improve lifetime outcomes for children with an incarcerated parent. The measure is an increase in literacy and STEM knowledge. Children with incarcerated parents often cannot participate in special learning experiences or literacy enhancements due to lack of fiscal resources to participate in school field trips, obtain books or experience reading with a parent or explore STEM opportunities.	Measurement would be increased comprehension using ORF tool and increased interest in STEM careers.

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	1,500,000	56.3%	N/A
2. Federal:	464,250	17.4%	Yes
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	700,000	26.3%	Yes

5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	2,664,250	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No