

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Family Reconnection Program
2. Date of Submission: 10/31/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Evan Jenne
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
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?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <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:					880,159	880,159

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? Yes
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Corrections
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
 - 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.
De-obligation of funding.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Robin Figueroa
- b. Organization: A Vision of Redemption, Inc.
- c. Email: info@avisionofredemption.com
- d. Phone #: (954)635-2131

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

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- b. Organization: A Vision of Redemption, Inc.
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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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?

The goals of the Family Reconnection Program are to enhance the quality of life for families affected by incarceration, bolster positive relationship building for parent and child, promote literacy as well as mitigate trauma to child.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Full Time Employee - Executive Director and Program Manager	135,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	FICA, FUTA, Taxes, Workers Comp for PM and ED, Fringe Benefits	32,855
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Inmate Parenting, Story Book Program, Transportation, Caregiver Support Programs, Family support and operational costs	439,754
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Drivers, Instructors, Camp Counselors, Payroll Services and Evaluator	92,550
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	(2 FTE) Accountant, Administrative Assistant	75,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	7 Vans to be purchased (Anticipated Lifespan 5 years)	105,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		880,159

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)

N/A

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:

Letters of Support from Public and Private agencies, families and individuals.

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:

There have been publications by Anne E Casey Foundatioin, The Sentencing Project, RTI International, The Pew Center, and others have researched and documented the significant challenges faced by children whose parents are incarcerated. These documents discuss the stigma, grief and trauma associated to the child's parent being incarcerated and the necessity of frequent parental contact/interation.

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?

Provide Parenting Classes for Inmates to learn how to better interact with their Children. . Provide Storybooks to parent and child to serve as Icebreaker for 1st visit, promote literacy, and address illiteracy. Provide Regular Monthly Visits to and from prison for Children and Caregivers. Support Group - provide support to Caregivers where resources are provided to aid with the family?s needs. Wrap Around Services - Assist our family?s needs during holidays.

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

Parenting classes that teach inmates parents cognitive and behavioral parent management skills training. Storybook Program which allows parent to read to their children over recorded devices; Monthly Family visits; Caregiver support and wrap around services to assist with family's needs.

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): Children with Incarcerated Parents

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	Literature suggests that the separation of parent and child due to incarceration has immediate social effects on the child such as feelings of guilt, shame, and abandonment tied to the actual events of the incarceration and prevalence of social stigma surrounding incarceration. Longer term effects include impaired ability to cope with future stress or trauma, disruption of development, and intergenerational patterns of criminal behavior.	Maintaining the parent-child relationship (direct in person visitation) during incarceration has been correlated to reduced recidivism rates by parents, which also mitigates trauma to the child.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Considering that up to 70% of US Inmates are functionally illiterate, the Storybook program addresses illiteracy and promote literacy and a love for reading between parent and child. Provides educational benefits of practiced reading.	Promotes literacy though offering digital recording of inmate parent reading a story to child while child reads along from the comfort of their home.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	<p>When inmates maintain relationships with their families, they are returning to their families and have a lower risk of recidivating. Studies suggest that inmates who are not returning to families are more likely to recidivate.</p>	<p>By providing a more holistic approach to the inmates, children, and caregivers through the FRP Program they are less likely to recidivate as our programs teach communication, problem-solving, accountability, and positive reinforcement to aid in strengthening the family bonds.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	<p>Facilitate caregiver support groups which connects them with resource and services to increase employability and create an enriching home life for their children.</p>	<p>Wrap around services to aid family with their needs and introduce them to other agencies to aid in their family's ability to be self-sufficient.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	<p>Increase family cohesion through rebuilding and maintaining the family's relationships in order to promote family support upon returning to the community. Provide referrals and support to inmates when returning home to aid in successful transition.</p>	<p>Our program track recidivism of inmate parents by keeping in contact with them upon release and acting as an advocate for family reunification. Connect family to services they need to aid in a smoother transition for the inmates and their families.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	<p>As a result, half of the children experiencing the loss of a parent through incarceration will eventually</p>	<p>The most effective way to nurture the parent-child relationship is through direct in-person visitation.</p>

	be faced with reunification issues upon the parent's release. Research suggests that regular family visitation can significantly decrease these negative impacts by preserving the child's relationship with the parent.	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 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:	880,159	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	880,159	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2018-19 over the next 5 years?

<1M

1-3M

>3-10M

>10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

1 year

2 years

3 years

4 years

>= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select ?ongoing activity?.

Ongoing activity ? no total cost

<1M

1-3M

>3-10M

>10M