

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Family Reconnection Program
2. Date of Submission: 10/02/2019
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 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:					880,159	880,159

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? 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.
Fee reduction until deliverables are met.

6. Requester:

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

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: 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?

Improve the quality of life for children of incarcerated parents and their custodial caregivers by providing children improved access to their incarcerated parents and literacy training for children and their incarcerated parents.

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	FTE - Executive Director & Program Manager	135,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Fica, Fyta, Taxes, Workers Comp for PM & ED, Fringe Benefits	32,855
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Inmate parents, 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 counselor, payroll service, 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)

- 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:

Letters of support from public & 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 Foundation, The Sentencing Project, RTI International, The Pew Center, and others that have researched and documented the significant challenges faced by children whose parents are incarcerated. These documents discuss the stigma, grief and trauma associated with the child's parent being incarcerated and the necessity of frequent parental contact/interaction.

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 parents classes for inmates to learn how to interact with their children, provide the storybook program to the parent and child to promote literacy, address illiteracy and serve as an icebreaker for 1st -time visits. Provide regular monthly visits to those children and caregivers whose parents are incarcerated.

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

Parenting classes that teach inmate parents cognitive and behavioral parent management skill training. Storybook Program allows parents to read to their children over recorded devices. Monthly family visits; caregiver support/wrap around services to assist with family 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 of 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. Negative social impacts then contribute to, and are then exacerbated by, weakened ties to the parent, poor school performance, increased delinquency, and increased risk of abuse or neglect.	Maintaining the parent-child relationship during incarceration has been correlated with reduced recidivism rates by the parent, which also mitigates further trauma to the child. The most effective way to nurture that parent-child relationship is through direct in-person visitation.
<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 U.S. inmates are functionally illiterate, the Storybook Program promotes literacy for both parent and child through offering digital recording of inmate	Promotes literacy by offering digital recording of the inmate parent reading a story to their child while their child reads along from the

	parent reading story to their child while their child reads along from the comfort of their home. The program will provide books for both incarcerated parents and their child to read independently, to review and discuss together during contact visits.	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.)	When Inmates maintain relationships with their families they are less likely to recidivate because they are returning to those families. Studies suggest that when inmates are not returning to families they are more likely to recidivate.	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 and accountability. Not to mention, the added benefit of saving taxpayers money in not having to foot the bill to pay for returning offenders.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	Transportation is known as one of the most common barriers to maintaining contact with a parent behind bars. The Sentencing Project reports that more than 60 percent of parents in state prison and 80 percent of federally incarcerated parents are residing in prisons more than 100 miles from their family's last place of residence.	Recognizing that as a direct result of parental incarceration many families have financial and transportation limitations, which inhibit visitation opportunities. AVOR will provide monthly prison visits to economically disadvantaged families.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Facilitate caregiver support groups which connects them with resources and services to increase	Wrap around services to aid families with their needs and introduce them to other agencies to aid in their

	employability and create enriching home life for the family.	family's ability to be self-sufficient.
<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	Wrap around services to aid families with their needs and introduce them to other agencies to aid in their family's ability to be self-sufficient.	Our program track recidivism of inmate parents by keeping contact with them upon release and acting as an advocate for family reunification.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	As a result, half of the children experiencing the loss of a parent through incarceration will eventually be faced with reunification issues upon the parent's release. Research suggests that regular family visitation can significantly decrease the negative impacts by preserving the child's relationship with the parent.	The most effective way to nurture the parent-child relationship is through direct in-person visitation.
<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 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:	880,159	50.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	880,159	50.0%	Yes
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	1,760,318	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 2020-21 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