

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Connections Job Development Program
2. Date of Submission: 12/29/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Amanda Murphy

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
- 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? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					127,655	0	127,655

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: KC Quaretti
- b. Organization: Connections Job Development Corporation
- c. Email: kquaretti@connectionsjobdevelopment.org
- d. Phone #: (727)489-4724

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: KC Quaretti
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Pasco
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Connections Job Development Corp., a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1991 by Sister Joan Foley, assists unemployed and underemployed individuals with help in their job searches and their connection with area employers. Connections' clients are unemployed or under employed and served regardless of homelessness, race, gender, background, household income, skills, education, age, physical or mental disabilities, veterans or other circumstances, including, recently laid-off workers after many years of service, individuals without easy access to transportation, senior citizens and retired individuals who are having to return to the work force out of necessity.

In 2015, 1174 individuals have come through the program and received skills training, resume and application assistance, computer courses, mock interview training, customer service classes and interview clothing: all provided at no charge.

From 2013 to 2015 Connections Job Development has realized a 68% increase in clients seeking help finding employment. The request for \$127,655.00 is to increase from 1 job adviser to 2 job advisors four days per week, continue employing a computer instructor four days per week, increase services at the Metropolitan Ministries Resource Center from three days to four days per week, and to employ 1 outreach/marketing director four days per week.

During 2015, Connections Job Development enrolled 321 homeless individuals seeking employment and 266 individuals at risk of becoming homeless. Pasco residents are truly struggling to find gainful employment, with our homeless population having the greatest number of barriers to successfully finding, thus keeping them in the cycle of being homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The requested grant funding equates to \$350 per successfully employed client. A single unemployed person on SNAP benefits receives \$2,352.00 annually. 95% of Connections Job Development clients are below the poverty line with most receiving SNAP benefits. If the 348 Connections clients living below the poverty line who found employment in 2015 no longer qualified for receiving SNAP benefits the potential tax payer savings would be \$818,496.00. If Connections were awarded the grant, the potential tax payer savings could be close to \$700,000.

Projected Data for 2016 based on 2015 Data and Growth:

1170 Clients will enroll in our program

375 (32%) will find gainful employment

833 Clients will attend one on one job advising sessions

816 Clients will receive assistance in creating a resume

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 45,000

Other: 20,000

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

Yes