

# 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: Florida HIRE (Helping Inmates Reach Employment) Pilot
2. Date of Submission: 02/22/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Carlos Trujillo

## 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 )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					750,000	0	750,000

- 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: Colleen Englert
- b. Organization: Florida ready to work
- c. Email: cenglert@floridareadytowork.com
- d. Phone #: (850)228-9558

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Department of Corrections / Florida Ready to Work
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Leon
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Duval, Hillsborough, Orange

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.)

Florida law vests authority with the Department of Corrections to implement a correctional education program for those inmates who lack "basic and functional literacy skills." Highest priority is given to "youthful offenders and those inmates nearing release from the correctional system." This proposed work readiness project will align with the findings of the Department's recent review of correctional education and work training programs and will result in a more cost-effective, scalable and sustainable solution for preparing inmates to re-enter the workforce. The project supports the continuum approach to re-entry readiness and shall be implemented in tandem with substance abuse, mental health and other social services to proactively maximize ex-offender opportunity to gain and sustain employment and reduce recidivism risk.

Nationally, adult incarceration costs average \$20,000 and correctional education costs range from \$1,400 to \$1,744 per inmate per year. For inmates who participated in an educational program while incarcerated, employment after release is 13% higher than those who did not participate. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the national recidivism rate hovers near 50%. The Florida Department of Corrections data is consistent with the national research and validates that education level is a leading predictor of recidivism. With each grade level an inmate achieves, the likelihood of recidivating decreased by 3% or more.

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

Federal: 0

State: 750,000 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

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

Yes