

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: Reentry Center
2. Date of Submission: 12/01/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Tom Goodson

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:					0	300,000	300,000

- 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: Jarvis Wash
- b. Organization: My Community Cares
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: My Community Cares
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Brevard
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Brevard

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.)

Addressing Public Safety: Can public safety be measured? If an overall trend indicates that arrests are decreasing, does that also mean that the same community is experiencing a reduction in crime? Ask a person who has been a victim of crime these questions and their response will likely, and justifiably, get personal. Ask a law enforcement officer, and that same victim's conviction will likely be met with validation. So how can policymakers know if they're investing limited taxpayer dollars wisely on public safety? One way is to measure recidivism. For decades, it has been well-known that a small percentage of the criminal population is committing a disproportionately larger segment of the crime. There is a way, however, that this "Revolving Door" can effectively be addressed. Evidence-based reentry programs are noticeably enhancing public safety because they fundamentally address the barriers facing the incarcerated upon their release.

Understanding the Issue: During the month of January 2010, the Brevard County Jail booked 1,770 individuals; however, in January 2014 that number was down to 1,420. In four years, the number of bookings went down by 20%. On the other hand, the recidivism rate from January 2010 climbed from 55.03% to 61.62% by January 2014 - an increase of nearly seven percent. What this means is that, although there was a decrease in the number of individuals being arrested during the past four years, the percentage of those returning into the criminal system increased. Consider the following facts: ? 87% of Florida prison inmates return to their community. <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/recidivism/2013/index.html> ? Out of 67 Florida counties, Brevard County ranks 11th for having the most inmates released back into its community from State prison. http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1314/stats/ir_county.html ? 839 inmates were released back into the Brevard County community from State prison during FY 2013/14. http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1314/stats/ir_county.html ? Brevard County ranked ninth out of the top ten Florida counties in the number of convictions for 2014. <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/oth/Quickfacts.html> Clearly, the challenge has become addressing recidivism effectively. Such an undertaking begins with identifying common barriers to successful reentry. For example, former offenders are revealing that relationships established after their release can

make the difference about which path they choose to take. Other barriers include: ? Not addressing addiction in a meaningful way ? Lack of employment and skill training ? Lack of appropriate housing ? Strained family relationships ? Lack of appropriate case management (follow-up) ? Lack of support (mentoring) Understanding the Solution: Reentry is an inherent focus on reducing and eliminating the tendency to reoffend; for that reason, implementing an evidence-based reentry program will enhance public safety. When a former offender gets their life back on a positive track they are less likely to be a burden on society. Brevard County has a well-established Reentry Task Force composed of local resource providers, the faith community, and criminal justice professionals. This dedicated partnership began nearly two years ago and is ready to take reentry to the next level. A member/nonprofit agency is working with Brevard County to lease the former BCI prison warden and assistant wardens' residences, specifically for the purpose of establishing a Reentry Center: ?REEACH? (Reengaging, Eliminating Excuses, and Affecting Change). Recognizing an opportunity to enhance public safety, Brevard County is planning to invest an estimated \$55,000 to bring this property up to code. This is a perfect example of an efficient use of resources, while supporting the community with helping its own. In addition to the strong community support, this reentry effort has the support of Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, State Attorney Phil Archer, and Public Defender Blaise Trettis. Evidence-based practice requires that offenders who are of higher risk be managed at higher levels and offenders who are of lower risk be managed at lower levels. We know from the research that to oversee low-risk offenders too aggressively will increase their risk of recidivism and to oversee/treat high-risk offenders too little will increase their risk of offending. REEACH intends to follow the Transition from Jail/Prison to Community (TJ/PC) model, which includes screening and assessment. The following Proxy tool may be used to pre-screen offenders for risk to reoffend. [http://www.pretrial.org/download/risk-assessment/Using%20a%20Proxy%20Score%20to%20Pre-screen%20Offenders%20\(Bogue,%20Woodward,%20Joplin%202006\).pdf](http://www.pretrial.org/download/risk-assessment/Using%20a%20Proxy%20Score%20to%20Pre-screen%20Offenders%20(Bogue,%20Woodward,%20Joplin%202006).pdf) REEACH staff will be trained on Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) ? cognitive-based therapy. Developed in 1985 by Gregory Little, Ed.D., and Kenneth Robinson, Ed.D., more than 120 published reports have documented that MRT-treated offenders show significantly lower recidivism for periods as long as 20 years after treatment. Studies show MRT-treated offenders have re-arrest and re-incarceration rates 25% to 75% lower than expected. MRT programs are used in 49 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and four countries. A 1999 report by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy estimated that the combined cost benefit to taxpayers and crime victims for the MRT program results in an \$11.48 cost benefit for every dollar spent. <http://www.moral-reconciliation-therapy.com/Resources/MRTvsRR%20rec.pdf> MRT is one of only a handful of treatment programs on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), where a reentry program has already been implemented, a working relationship between state and local level reentry programs will serve to ?close the gaps that create barriers to successful offender reentry.? A single point of entry for released inmates, and their family members will facilitate access to community-based resources. <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/reentry/tpci.html> However, before this reentry program can effectively take root, funding is needed to staff the center with a reentry coordinator and, two full-time case managers. Due to the benefits the State would experience from a reduction in recidivism, this need for funding is being taken to the State of Florida. Start-up costs for this reentry center are estimated at \$300,000. Additionally, it is estimated that a minimum of 400 participants will receive case-management services each year; therefore, the break-down in costs are estimated at \$750/participant. (Please see Attachment ?A?) Summary: The Brevard Correctional Institution (BCI) was a state prison that was closed down, several years ago. In Brevard County, a nonprofit organization that goes by the name, My Community Cares, has been working to establish a reentry center using the former warden and assistant wardens' residences located next to the former BCI prison. This former prison is located across the street from the Brevard County Jail, making it the perfect location for a reentry center. Brevard County is planning to invest approximately \$55,000 to bring the property up to code. My Community Cares is a member of the Brevard County Reentry Task Force, which is a true community partnership, composed of numerous local community resource providers, the faith community, and

criminal justice professionals. This courageous nonprofit is focused on ?eliminating excuses? ? they are committed to working with this unpopular population and see them through to successful reentry; however, they don?t have the funds to address client needs and employ staff. How will this VISION for successful integration be achieved? Through an evidence-based program that will: ? Work with offenders to establish a reentry plan ? Provide effective case management ? Work with the criminal court system to promote compliance ? Collaboratively optimize community resources ? Encourage positive reinforcement and celebrate successes ? Guide offender focus toward ongoing treatment ? Identify and address any gaps or barriers in the system (https://s3.amazonaws.com/static.nicic.gov/Library/023331.pdf). Florida Tax Watch researchers estimate that every one percent reduction in recidivism translates to \$8 million in taxpayer savings. <http://www.floridataxwatch.org/resources/pdf/StateofIncarcerationFINAL.pdf> The State of Florida is being asked to invest \$300,000 in an evidence-based reentry program to assist inmates who are integrating back into the community to help them live successful, crime-free lives. Providing comprehensive reentry services reduces further victimization and the likelihood a former offender will return to prison. This initiative promotes safer communities through outcomes that reduce recidivism and provide the best return on investment for taxpayers. Thank you. Brevard County's Re-Entry Center Budget Proposal PERSONNEL (1) One Coordinator - Full Time 65,000 annually; (2) Two Case Managers - Full Time 40,000 annually; Volunteers IN KIND; Third-party Evaluator (University Intern) IN KIND; EMPLOYEE TRAINING 7,400 annually; Travel to jail/prison, related training and/or meetings 1,850 annually; EQUIPMENT Desktop computer, monitor, printer, device license, device maintenance and user license, for 3 Staff 7,500 annually; SUPPLIES Office supplies, copies, postage 1,150 annually; LIABILITY INSURANCE 500 annually; TELEPHONE/INTERNET/FAX: 2,000 annually; RENT (\$1/year) IN KIND; UTILITIES 9,600 annually; BUILDING (Brevard County investing \$55,000 to bring property up to code) Preparation/Renovation/On-going maintenance 5,000 annually; TRANSPORTATION Bus Passes 10,000 annually; HOUSING/TREATMENT 110,000 Annually; COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROVIDERS Job Placement/Employment; Legal Aid; Medical/Disability Assistance; Mentoring; Probation; Vocational /Academics Counseling; DCF/ACCESS IN KIND; TOTAL STARTUP COSTS 300,000. Estimated number of participants served/annually 400 ESTIMATED COST/PARTICIPANT \$750

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: 0

Other: 0

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

Yes