

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Ready4Work-Hillsborough
2. Date of Submission: 10/11/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Chris Latvala

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2021-22
- 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.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <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	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:	1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 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	500,000	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

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2022-23 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

b. 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

c. 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

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Corrections

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

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The Department will impose financial consequences per participant for performance measures such as client services and client milestones not met per the contract. Additional financial consequences will be assessed as percentages of the fiscal year contract value based on timely invoice submissions and evaluation ratings specified per the contract.

7. Requester:

- a. Name: Robert Blount
- b. Organization: Abe Brown Ministries, Inc. DBA Ready4Work-Hillsborough
- c. Email: Robert.Blount@abebrown.org
- d. Phone #: (813)247-3285

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

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9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Darrick D. McGhee, Sr.
- b. Firm: Johnson & Blanton
- c. Email: darrick@teamjb.com
- d. Phone #: (850)224-1900

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Ready4Work-Hillsborough (R4W-H)
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Hillsborough
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Ready4Work-Hillsborough (R4W-H) supports the State of Florida’s strategies to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida’s prison population in order to sustain cost reductions. R4W-H’s goal is to generate returns on investment not only by reducing recidivism, but also by reducing crime, and breaking cycles of hopelessness. R4W-H’s approach through comprehensive reentry services and employment also provides job and economic development, while fostering self-sufficient members to society.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter “0” if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including assistance with transitional housing, case management, professional development and essential life skills training, family reunification/support, and job	500,000

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	placement assistance.	
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- 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)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. 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

a. Please Describe:

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Ready4Work (R4W) is a nationally recognized workforce development program for citizens returning to the community after incarceration, and has been replicated within Florida and funded by the State of Florida since June 2014.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Diverting Low-Risk Offenders From Florida Prisons - Report No. 19-01 - Date: January 2019

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including assistance with transitional housing, case management, professional development and essential life skills training, family reunification/support, and job placement assistance.

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

Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including assistance with transitional housing, case management, professional development and essential life skills training, family reunification/support, and job placement assistance.

c. 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)

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- 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)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. 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 or outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Participants will attain public healthcare coverage, or coverage through their employer.	Healthcare cards will be attained.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Participants will receive a mental health assessment.	The resulting mental health assessment becomes part of the participants Plan of Care. Any treatment required will be monitored by their respective

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		Case Manager.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<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.)	Formerly incarcerated citizens that are engaged, employed, and empowered are less likely to commit crimes and return to prison.	Reduction in rearrest and return-to-prison rates. R4W-H's rearrest rate is approximately half of the Florida Department of Corrections' return-to-prison rate.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Citizens returning to the community after incarceration will be employed	Employment is recorded in R4W-H's Efforts-to-Outcomes database.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Participants will receive essential life management, employability, and financial literacy training. Participants also receive employment placement assistance.	Training attendance and job placement are recorded in R4W-H's Efforts-to-Outcomes database.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Formerly incarcerated citizens that are engaged, employed, and empowered are less likely to commit crimes and return to prison.	Reduction in rearrest and return-to-prison rates. R4W-H's rearrest rate is approximately half of the Florida Department of Corrections' return-to-prison rate.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Participant will receive a substance abuse assessment.	The resulting substance abuse assessment becomes part of the participants Plan of Care. Any treatment required will be monitored by their respective Case Manager.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Formerly incarcerated citizens that are engaged, employed, and empowered are less likely to commit crimes and return to prison. [Note: Some program participants	Reduction in rearrest and return-to-prison rates. R4W-H's rearrest rate is approximately half of the Florida Department of Corrections' return-to-prison rate.
<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):		