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Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23
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1. Title of Project: Ability Tree Florida R.E.S.T. Program
2. Date of Submission: 11/16/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Blaise Ingoglia

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 (If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
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:		195,000	195,000		250,040	250,040

- 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	250,040	89.3%	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	30,000	10.7%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	280,040	100%	

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? Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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.

Failure to meet deliverables will result in a return of funds to administering agency.

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7. Requester:

- a. Name: Wayne Cordova
- b. Organization: Ability Tree of Florida
- c. Email: waynecordova@abilitytree.org
- d. Phone #: (561)315-3106

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

- a. Name: Wayne Cordova
- b. Organization: Ability Tree of Florida
- c. Email: waynecordova@abilitytree.org
- d. Phone #: (561)315-3106

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

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Ability Tree of Florida
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Hernando
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, St. Johns

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)

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

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The R.E.S.T. program serves families impacted by disability through recreation, education, support and training. This includes respite services for parents and caregivers of children with special needs, and family-friendly community events they are to be a part of without worry or limitations. Because the needs of this population are complex, many of the families we serve have very limited access to care and sensory inclusive/accessible events.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director Salary and benefits (53,840)	53,840
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Program Director (30,000) Program Coordinator (30,000) Co-Executive Director (16,000)	76,000
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	4 part time support staff salaries & benefits	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, related equipment which includes a refresh for our art classroom, indoor soft gym, sensory room, and the creation of a mobile sensory room.	70,200

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<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		250,040

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:
We have letters and messages of support coming from families of the over 500 children we have served and the hundreds of families in our database so far.
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:

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The Florida Department of Education Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services 2019 SEA Profile states that the number of students enrolled in our public schools with disabilities is 401,745. This doesn't take into account students that are homebound, home schooled, or in Private Programs.

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?

R.E.S.T. Program runs out of Ability Tree Florida's "Clubhouse" which is a one-of-a-kind facility that allows us to connect with more underserved families and to recruit volunteers, teaching them how to interact with individuals with disabilities and their families. From here we provide support groups, after school programs, art classes, and respite programs.

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

Support groups, after school programs, art classes, a mobile sensory room, and respite programs.

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)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime

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- 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	Providing children a space to be active who otherwise might not be if the opportunity wasn't there.	registration and check in to our indoor gym activities, and our movement classes.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	We will be able to provide respite and peace of mind to parents with children with special needs. Our plan is to reach 80 families and provide 20 hours of respect for each family each week.	Registration and check ins will allow us to measure the impact.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Our ArtAbility Program is an adaptive and inclusive art experienced designed to allow children of ALL abilities to express	Registration and check in to our Art Ability Programs.

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	themselves through art.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	IEP Workshops, Support Groups, Awareness Education, and our After School Programs	Registration and check ins will allow us to measure the impact.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Local businesses are our sponsors and partners. We increase their economic activity as our families recognize them as being inclusive to families impacted by disability.	Survey to business owners
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	We have families that participate from outside of our area come into our county and spend money on local recreational activities. Our mobile sensory unit will also provide and attraction as well as promote good mental health at public events.	Geographic data collected from individual families
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Part Time Work will immediately be available for our facility.	number of new jobs funded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	We also offer financial planning	Number of attendees at

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	workshops.	workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<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):		