

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: Character Speaks Adult Re-Entry Program (CSARP)
2. Date of Submission: 12/14/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): W. Perry

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 <i>(If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 <i>(If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)</i>			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested <i>(Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)</i>	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)</i>
Input Amounts:					195,000	0	195,000

- 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: Sammy Desai
- b. Organization: Character Speaks, Inc.
- c. Email: characterspeaks@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (352)317-1136

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Character Speaks, Inc
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Alachua
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Alachua, Broward, Clay, Duval, Miami-Dade, Nassau

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.)

- a) Description of Services: Character Speaks Adult Re-entry Program (CSARP) is designed to teach persuasive and polished speech. Ex-Offenders (EO's) must learn how an inviting tone and delivery of speech can project them as likeable and sincere. Understanding that their challenged past is not always a hindrance is essential in their job search.
- b) Purpose of the project: Purpose of the project: Inmates are competing for jobs with many who do not have a criminal record. Within the first few question in a job application form, it is asked do you have a criminal record? Immediately thereafter, their application is dismissed. A sense of hopelessness soon follows. Inmates must be taught how to navigate past the "front man" and talk to decision-makers directly.
- c) Target Population: Inmates who are currently incarcerated and close to being released and those on Probation and Parole.
- d) Benefit to the State of Florida: Each Ex-Offender (EO) who is re-incarcerated costs Florida \$18,064 per year in direct costs. The total annual pay for an EO who stays out of prison working 35 hrs/wk making minimum wage is approximately \$14,600. This means the net positive impact of keeping a single EO from returning to prison is \$32,664 per year.
- e) Return on Investment: CSARP is asking for \$195,000 to serve 500 Inmates/EO's. That equals \$390 per person. The State of Florida will save \$495,000 in the first year of the program. The program will save the state of Florida at least \$495,000 the first year.

This is calculated by the following:

Each person on Probation and Parole costs the State at least \$10 a day. We anticipate at least 100 students on Probation and Parole attaining employment within one month after classes. This would save the state $365 \times 10 \times 100 = \$365,000$.

It cost the state of Florida \$18,064 to house an inmate in prison. There is a 30% recidivism rate of inmates within the first three years of release. If we serve 300

inmates, 30% would equal 90. If we have a success rate of just 20% of those inside the prison, that would mean 18 students would have received gainful employment. That means $18 \times 18,064 = \$325,152$.

$\$365,000 + \$325,152 - \$195,000$ (Cost of the program) = $\$495,152$.

Employment means at least 28 hours at \$9.00 per hour.

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?

No