Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The Captain Your Story (CYS) initiative delivers a structured, evidence-informed intervention and leadership curriculum across justice, education, and reentry systems, serving justice-involved individuals, at-risk youth, families, and public safety professionals. Programming supports early intervention, stabilization, and long-term behavior change through sequential coursework including Foundations, Applied Skills, Leadership Development, and Certification pathways. CYS strengthens emotional regulation, accountability, and decision-making at critical intervention points—before deeper system involvement, during confinement, and throughout reentry. In parallel, staff and partner agencies receive aligned leadership training to reinforce consistent response, communication, and support across systems.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Organization: My Story Matters

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $380,000.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $35,000.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $90,000.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $5,000.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$510,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$510,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$510,000.00**	**$0.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

The Captain Your Story programs are scalable and adaptable across a range of intervention settings, including juvenile justice services, schools, detention facilities, correctional institutions, and community-based reentry programs. Over the past year, alternative funding sources were leveraged to sustain delivery and preserve program momentum despite funding gaps. Demand across intervention sites continues to exceed capacity, indicating strong need at multiple system touchpoints. While program components can be adjusted if necessary, maintaining the full continuum is strongly recommended to maximize stabilization, prevention, and long-term outcome effectiveness.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

02205

Agency:

410 / Corrections

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

This program benefits justice-involved individuals and at-risk youth by strengthening emotional regulation, accountability, and decision-making that reduce reactive behavior and increase long-term stability. Public safety staff, educators, and service providers benefit from practical leadership and stress-regulation tools that improve communication, consistency, and response under pressure. Family members also benefit through aligned classes that strengthen resilience, boundaries, and supportive engagement—reinforcing positive outcomes across intervention and reentry phases. State taxpayers benefit from the reduction of incarcerated persons burdening state budget potentials.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The CYS program is intended to interrupt cycles of reactivity and instability by equipping participants with practical tools for self-regulation, responsibility, and pro-social decision-making. Across intervention settings, the program supports reduced behavioral incidents, improved engagement, and increased readiness for successful transitions—whether back to school, into the community, or through reentry. Staff and partner agencies apply the same framework to strengthen leadership effectiveness, reduce burnout, and maintain consistent intervention responses. Together, these outcomes support safer environments, stronger families, and more efficient use of public resources.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Program success will be measured through participation and completion rates, skill acquisition, and observed behavioral and engagement improvements across intervention settings. Indicators include reduced disciplinary incidents, improved attendance and program engagement, and increased readiness for transition or reentry as measured through self-assessment and partner feedback. Staff outcomes include sustained tool utilization, improved communication, and reduced burnout indicators. Aggregate reporting will demonstrate trends, outcomes, and system-level impact across funded sites.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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