



May 16, 2022

Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0001

RE: State Budget Line Item 381E-Project LIFT Renovations

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the work of Project L.I.F.T. Inc. (Project L.I.F.T.) in St. Lucie County. We have partnered with Project LIFT because of their successful 13 year track record of working with at-risk teens and young adults.

- Over 650 served annually
- 76% of DJJ affiliated teens never re-offend
- 91-96% complete the program successfully and substance free
- 84-87% are employed in local industries after graduation (18 years or older)
- 96% show dramatic improvements in work readiness

Project LIFT's innovative approach prepares young people for success in life through a combination of mental health and substance abuse treatment, vocational education, life skills and job training. Program graduates move away from destructive behaviors and towards continued education, service in the military or employment in our community.

We are pleased that Project L.I.F.T. is expanding their efforts in the City of Fort Pierce and look forward to a wonderful partnership.

We encourage you to approve line item 381E so that Project LIFT can expand their much needed services for the at-risk young people of our region. If Project LIFT receives their appropriations request, we commit to continue our robust partnership with Project LIFT, promoting their services in our region for the good of both our community but most importantly for the young people.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor