



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1651

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Recovery Connections of Central Florida is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO), a non-profit organization that is locally governed by people who are a part of the recovery community. As an RCO, Recovery Connections offers services and resources that include multiple pathways to long-term sustainable recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). Recognizing that recovery is a lifelong process, there are no time limits on how long someone can engage in services, which are provided by Certified Recovery Peer Specialists, who are individuals with lived experience recovering from SUD. They are uniquely positioned to encourage and provide hope, listen without judgment, and help people navigate the world of recovery.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	174,350
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	174,350

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	174,350	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	155,508	26%
Other	263,165	44%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	593,023	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of salary and medical benefits for Recovery Community Center Coordinator responsible for overseeing recovery support services strategy and outreach, as well as implementation of recovery support services.	15,850
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and medical benefits for 3 full-time Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS) for 12 months. Our CRPS team members are the most critical component of our peer-based recovery support services.	138,900
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel for outreach and travel to community partner organizations for mobile recovery support services. Materials for meetings, recovery events, and trainings hosted at the Recovery Community Center.	19,600
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		174,350

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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Funds requested will connect people to our services and resources that offer multiple pathways to long-term sustainable recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). Recognizing that recovery is a lifelong process, there are no time limits on how long someone can engage in services, which are provided by people with lived experience recovering from SUD. They are uniquely positioned to encourage and provide hope, listen without judgment, and help people navigate the world of recovery.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Peer-based recovery support services provided by a Certified Recovery Peer Specialist (CRPS), a 24/7 hotline (407-RECOVER), and an online database of recovery resources for Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard counties. Additionally, our Recovery Community Center hosts mutual aid group meetings, educational and social events, and recovery community trainings.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

At an initial meeting with a CRPS, program participants will complete a Recovery Capital Scale assessment, which measures critical components of life that contribute to recovery (ex. housing, employment, access to healthcare). Participants identify goals they want to achieve to improve their Recovery Capital and create a Recovery Management Plan with their CRPS.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population served by this project is people in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard counties who are seeking recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). As SUD affects people from all backgrounds, the population includes elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, physically disabled, drug users (in health services), university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and drug offenders (in criminal justice). We expect to serve 201 - 400 people through this project.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Benefits or outcomes for individuals include improving physical health, improving mental health, enhancing specific individual's economic self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, and reducing substance abuse. Coaching from Certified Recovery Peer Specialists helps individuals work towards self-determined goals included in an ongoing Recovery Management Plan. Outcomes are measured through the Recovery Capital Scale assessment, which measures internal and external assets used to initiate and sustain recovery. Goal is to increase a participant's Recovery Capital Scale by 25%.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Deliverables will be measured on a monthly basis. If off track, Recovery Connections will proactively communicate and work with appropriate parties to course correct as needed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number