



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3639

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Tri-County Human Services needs a total of 20 medical detox beds to serve Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties by providing on demand, medical detox and Marchman Act services to individuals suffering from substance use disorders and abuse of alcohol, benzodiazepines, and opiates. Currently, funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) only funds up to 5.5 beds. We do not anticipate additional funding from DCF to add the needed detox beds. Funding from a Polk County match requirement is available to fund 4 detox beds for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Funding is requested for the remaining balance (10.5 beds) to ensure sufficient detox beds are available to meet current needs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,667,872
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,667,872

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,667,872	53%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	811,128	26%
Local	660,000	21%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,139,000	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.

Tri-County Human Services is currently using Polk County match dollars to fund 4 beds in our detox program.

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



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Yes

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

Two-year total of \$ 1,799,309.21
 Purchasing PPE equipment for all employees, COVID-19 testing supplies and wages for qualified employees out of work due COVID-19 positive virus results.

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
 N/A

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Staffing costs for the unit that attends to the admitted persons. Includes funding for the medical director, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, LPN's, support staff, case managers, care coordinators, clinical counselors and food service workers. Licensing requirements per 65D-30.006 address the minimum staffing when admitting over 15 individuals into the detoxification program.	1,667,872
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		1,667,872

14. Program Performance



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

To meet the needs of Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties by providing on demand, medical detox and Marchman Act services to those individuals suffering from substance use disorders and abuse of alcohol, benzodiazepines, and opiates. Tri-County Human Services is the only provider of medical detox services in the counties in which we serve. Our goal is to treat these individuals with the appropriate detox protocols, stabilize them and assist them in seeking the appropriate treatment (residential or outpatient) that will lead to recovery in the longer term.

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

Services provided are medical and clinical interventions to stabilize the patient to reduce the immediate impact of the potential overdose on the individual, initiate a treatment plan to engage the individual to seek further medical and/or clinical assistance in the form of residential or outpatient treatment to address their addiction issues.

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

Direct services include a medical assessment, clinical assessment, treatment plan development discharge planning into the appropriate level of care as defined in the treatment plan, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for those with alcohol or Opiate use disorder diagnosis (use of Vivitrol or Suboxone monitored by qualified medical licensed staff), care coordination for high need/high utilizers of the crisis system to facilitate the individual to engage in identified treatment after detox.

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

The target population are those individuals who have abused their drug of choice or ingested a drug unknowingly, to the point of endangering themselves and requires immediate medical and clinical intervention to stabilize themselves and reduce the risk or further endangerment to themselves. It is anticipated that Tri-County will serve 3,650 individuals annually by this requested funding.

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

Without this funding, there will be increased utilization of our local emergency departments for behavioral health related admissions. This requested appropriation will assist in reducing behavioral health related admissions to our local hospitals. Tri-County will measure this outcome by documenting a reduction of behavioral health related admissions into the local emergency departments as well as document referrals made by the emergency department to our detox program to free up a bed at the emergency department.

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?

Tri-County Human Services will work with our Managing Entity and DCF to develop any necessary and appropriate penalties if performance measures are not met.

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