



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1367

1. **Title of Project:** Peace River Trauma Focused Group Home

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

A group home to provide effective trauma focused interventions to adolescent girls who have experienced significant childhood trauma and have a history of placement instability, or have experienced a high frequency of Baker Act admissions, and are at high risk of needing psychiatric inpatient treatment.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,600,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,600,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,100,000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Peace River Center will develop and operate the program in Lakeland, Florida which will serve high need adolescent girls in Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties	1,100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Peace River Center will need to renovate bathrooms, doors, flooring, windows, sprinkler system, security system and install appropriate fencing on the property to ensure safety. New furniture will need to be purchased for the group home.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To provide a group home that provides effective trauma focused interventions to high need adolescent girls who have experienced significant childhood trauma and have a history of placement instability, a high frequency of Baker Act admissions, and are at a high risk for needing psychiatric inpatient treatment.

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

24/7 Counseling and Support; Initial and Ongoing Neurosequential Model of Therapeutic Assessments; Positive reinforcement sensory interventions design and individualized strategies; Individual self-and Crisis management plan; Individual, family and group psychotherapy; Cultural/community therapeutic recreation 7 days a week; Independent living skills; Clinical Treatment; Transportation to appointments; Mentoring and academic driven daily preparation School Partnerships; and Therapeutic group home milieu management.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The group home will be a licensed, 8-bed, non-secure facility designed for child and adolescent girls with significant functional impairments. Direct services will include: - 24/7 supervision and support - Individual, group and family psychotherapy - An innovative evidence based model of care, unique in the state of Florida, known as Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics. - Individualized treatment and interventions using positive reinforcement through sensory interventions. - Individualized self assessment and Crisis Management Plan for self-monitoring and improvement. - Cultural and community therapeutic recreation activities daily - Discharge preparation skills development, including Independent living skills - Nursing, psychiatry and licensed clinical therapy and treatment - Transportation to appointments - Mentoring and academic/educationsupport. -



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Support and participation in education/school through ongoing communication with school/teachers, guidance counselors, etc.

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

Adolescent girls ages 11-17 that reside in Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties. Twenty-five high-need girls in the community and in foster care per calendar year.

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

Improve physical health, mental health, quality of education, reduce recidivism, reduce substance abuse, divert from criminal and juvenile justice system cognitive, behavioral, social and emotional functioning. A completion of the CFARS tool will be used to measure the functional stability at admission, every three months as a measure of progress in care/outcome. Days in school will be measured at time of admission and every 3 months for all program participants. At time of admission an educational assessment will be completed for all participants and 90 percent of the girls are expected to show educational improvement by the time of discharge. Reduce and/or prevent admission days to long term residential treatment programs. (SIPP) *At time of admission past history of admissions into residential treatment programs will be assessed. Reduce substance use. Assessment tools will be used at admission, while in program and at time of discharge. Divert from Criminal/DJJ System.

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 in the contract?

Peace River Center will work with the DCF Regional Office and area Community Based Care Agency, Heartland for Children, to develop necessary and appropriate penalties if performance measures are not achieved.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Peace River Center For Personal Development Inc., a 501(c) (3) organization.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Peace River Center
- b. **County:** Polk
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify)

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