



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1369

1. Title of Project: The Transition House Homeless Veterans Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Kelli Stargel

3. Date of Submission: 02/10/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of this program is to provide substance abuse and mental health services to those clients that are unable to afford these services. Specifically, veterans that are homeless or chronically homeless, or those who have been released from incarceration or are legally involved. Our program will provide treatment to include individual counseling, group therapy, psycho-educational classes and groups, vocational skills training, case management, life skills building and access to opportunities for employment and permanent housing.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

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

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)	500,000	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	500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		300,000	344	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and	9% administrative fees	45,000



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Full-time substance abuse and mental health clinicians providing services to these individuals as well as a full-time LMHA to provide clinical supervision	145,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Licensed clinicians to provide treatment, case management, clinical supervision and vocational programming	310,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Our goal is to reduce the abuse of substances during their stay in our program, to encourage and assist with stable housing, and improve overall health and wellness. Our goals are: to enroll 50 clients over 12 months, have 75% of clients remain substance free while residing in the program, and have 75% of clients successfully complete the program and become permanently housed.

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

Our program will provide treatment to include individual counseling, group therapy, psycho-educational classes and groups, vocational skills training, case management, life skills building, and access to opportunities for employment and permanent housing.

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

Individuals meeting eligibility requirements will be provided the following services: room and board, 3 meals per day, individual counseling for substance abuse and/or mental health at least once a week, substance abuse/mental health evaluation, drug screening/breathalyzers randomly, medication assisted treatment, Vivitrol, if applicable, case management, a minimum of 5 psycho-educational /therapy groups daily Monday to Friday, addressing substance abuse and mental health issues.

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

Male veterans with substance use or mental health disorders, males that are homeless or chronically homeless who have been involved with the justice system (i.e. Veterans Court, Mental Health Court, probation, community control, recently released from Osceola County Jail or incarceration). Our goal is to serve 50 individuals in a 12-month time period, allotting 60 days to each individual for treatment, at a cost of \$100 per day.



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

We will utilize client data, utilization reviews and reports generated from our electronic health records system to track performance. We will continue to track outcome data measured by outcome surveys completed on all individuals who complete the program after 30 days, 90 days, and again after 6 months. The overall outcome of the project will provide the clients with stability, safety and an environment from which they can continue to heal and grow.

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?

Non-compliance involving the provision of service not having a direct effect on client health and safety shall result in the imposition of a five percent (5%) penalty. Non-compliance as a result of unacceptable performance of administrative tasks shall result in the imposition of a two percent (2%) penalty.

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.

N/A

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Osceola
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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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