



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1387

**1. Title of Project:** Central Receiving System Flagler Hospital

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Travis Hutson

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/05/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

To establish a Central Receiving System (CRS) to provide crisis assessment, intervention, and referral services (CAIR) along with transitional care beds for St. Johns County as a collaborative effort by Flagler Hospital, EPIC Behavioral, and SMA Healthcare. The goal is to provide centralized access to both Mental Health and Substance Use services to the community for both adult and youth populations by reducing the fragmentation and miscommunication during level of care transitions, improving access to crisis related services including assessment, stabilization, brief intervention, and referral, enhancing the network of care coordination services among community partners, and reducing unnecessary contact with an Emergency Communications Center (ECC) and/or Law Enforcement Agency (LEA).

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	5,580,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,580,000</b>

**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)	5,580,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>5,580,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$2,500,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	1 FTE Adult & Child Certified Psychiatrist @ \$250,000 = 250,000; 2 FTE ARNP @ \$100,000= 200,000; 4 FTE assessment screener @ \$40,000 = 160,000; Follow-up treatment professional, Care Coordinators, 2 FTE Licensed Mental Health Professional	880,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	10 patient transitional care rooms for both youth and adult @ \$1,200 per diem (includes costs associated with direct patient care i.e. operations costs and staff salaries) for 365 days at Flagler Hospital; 4 out-patient exam/counseling rooms for clinical services \$320,000	4,700,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning		
Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,580,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

According to a St. Johns County Behavioral Health Consortium and community needs assessment, many gaps in services have been identified. Although a CRS will not solve all the issues in the current Behavioral Health system, a CRS will provide a central location for individuals seeking behavioral health services to access crisis services if needed, connect to community providers via care coordinators, reduce unnecessary contact with ECC and LEA, and enhance the overall experience of individuals seeking services.

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

CAIR center will provide 24/7 access for all individuals to receive a crisis assessment, brief interventions, referral services, transitional care, and coordinated connection to outpatient service providers, enhance individual experience of service utilizers, improve behavioral health of St. Johns County, and reduce emergency room visits and law enforcement contact for both youth and adult populations. CAIR center will work to divert unnecessary Baker Act admissions, provide diversion from the criminal justice system, and reduce recidivism to



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the hospital. CAIR center will establish a robust care coordination program that provides ongoing follow up and connection to resources for both the individual and their family.

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

CAIR center will streamline crisis stabilization and outpatient behavioral health services for residents of St. Johns County by providing immediate access to screening, assessment, intervention, referrals to community based providers and services, and transition to higher level of care when necessary. CAIR center will provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for anyone seeking assistance. CAIR center staff will provide direct connection and warm hand off to outpatient providers, care coordination services for additional follow up, ensure the needs of the individual and family are met, and provide bridge services when needed.

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

St. Johns County includes 3 cities and towns and 10 zip codes. The estimated county population is 243,812 by the U.S. Census Bureau (2017) with an overall projection to continue increasing each year as St. Johns County is growing three times faster than the overall growth of the state. The same 2017 survey identified addiction and depression as two of the top three health problems in the community, as well as Mental Health/Counseling as one of the most difficult services to obtain. Currently Flagler Hospital ECC is the hub for the majority of crisis evaluations. Flagler Hospital Crisis Counselors evaluated 2460 adults in 2018, including 934 involuntary examination assessments, 307 voluntary assessments, 287 requests for detox assistance, and 353 outpatient referrals. Currently St. Johns County youth in crisis are sent to out of county facilities for all crisis care. The CAIR center intends to serve all residents/visitors of St. Johns County, regardless of age or socioeconomic status.

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

Children and youth in crisis will no longer be automatically sent to Baker Act receiving units in Jacksonville or Daytona Beach - the only Pediatric CON receiving facilities in Northeast Florida. The wrap around services needed to meaningfully intervene in the lives of young people will be provided with Flagler Hospital as the anchor and involve all other community providers including public and private schools, fire rescue, LEAs, mental health providers, substance abuse interventionists, and others. The expected outcome is to minimize Baker Act admissions for both youth and adults, reduce trauma for children and families, reduce long-term costs of behavioral health care expenses, and reduce recidivism to emergency services and increase diversion from the criminal justice 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?**

Withhold payments if the program does not demonstrate effectiveness.

**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.**

none

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**b. Organization:** Flagler Hospital



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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. **Organization:** Flagler Hospital

b. **County:** Saint Johns

c. **Organization Type:**

For Profit

Non Profit 501(c) (3)

Non Profit 501(c) (4)

Local Entity

University or College

Other (Please specify)

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