



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1904

1. **Title of Project:** Okaloosa Walton Mental Health/Substance Abuse Pilot Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/20/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This initiative will create a Mental Health/Substance Abuse Pretrial Diversion Pilot Program for Okaloosa and Walton Counties based on a modified version of the highly successful Miami Dade County (Eleventh Judicial Circuit) Criminal Mental Health Project. The purpose will be to reduce the number of defendants transferred to the state forensic hospitals and delays in resolving criminal cases and provide for a continuum of care.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	62.50%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	150,000	37.50%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	400,000	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?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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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	Okaloosa County BOCC will contract with a behavioral health organization to provide pre-offense services and for pre- and post-booking diversion for appropriate people with misdemeanor and low level felony charges from the criminal justice system as well as post-release wraparound services to those who are released from custody.	250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

This proposal is the result of more than two years of planning and stakeholder involvement for an initiative to provide pre-offense services and for pre- and post-booking diversion for appropriate people with misdemeanor and low level felony charges from the criminal justice system as well as post-release wraparound services to those who are released from custody.

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

Using the Memphis Model of CIT (crisis intervention training) contact, subjects of 911 mental health calls will receive a personal contact that will focus on initiating rapport, evaluating the need for crisis intervention either by the new mobile response crisis team or Baker Act/Marchman Act admission, securing a signed release of information and evaluation of the appropriateness of a Red Flag weapon petition. If an individual is arrested, they would be evaluated by the LCSW at Booking or by Pre-Trial Services prior to First Appearances.

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

Mentoring, assistance with appointments, benefits, housing, medicines, etc. It is expected a relationship will be established with a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to provide low cost medicines that are currently not available. Post release services would mirror diversion services for defendants who have received services whilst incarcerated.

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

Provide pre-offense services and for pre- and post-booking diversion for appropriate people with misdemeanor and low level felony charges from the criminal justice system as well as post-release wraparound services to those who are released from custody. Potentially 100-200 individuals, however the entire surrounding area will stand to benefit.



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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?

Reduce the number of defendants transferred to the state forensic hospitals and delays in resolving criminal cases.

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?

Revocation of funds.

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