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## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1925

1. **Title of Project:** Housing First for Persons with Mental Illness

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Oscar Braynon

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/21/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Rapid Rehousing (RRH), which is short- to medium-term rental assistance with support services, for severely mentally ill (SMI) homeless persons involved in the criminal justice system. Funding is used to provide up to two years (24 months) of rental assistance or serve as "bridge housing" for persons who are determined to need Permanent Supportive Housing based on length of time homeless and level of services needed. The goal is to quickly divert homeless persons with SMI, who have a history of arrest or frequent police interactions into supportive housing with wrap-around services. Referrals are made by the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, area police departments, specialized homeless outreach teams and jail diversion behavioral health treatment providers. By diverting individuals with SMI from the justice system into housing, there is a reduction in jail costs and fewer admissions to crisis stabilization units/forensic treatment facilities.

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                         | 378,824        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>378,824</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)       | 378,824        | 78.03%        |
| Federal  |                | 0.00%         |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         |                | 0.00%         |
| Local  | 50,000         | 10.30%        |
| Other  | 56,687         | 11.68%        |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b> | <b>485,511</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | NonRecurring |                             |        |
| 2018-19                  |           | 250,000      | 372                         | No     |

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$378,824

#### 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  | Program supervision, contract management, billing and reporting   | 18,000         |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Office security, insurance, R&M, utilities  | 19,883         |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   |                |
| <b>Operational Costs:</b>  |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  | Salaries and benefits for one full-time case manager and one full-time housing navigator.   | 103,163        |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Direct support - rental assistance, move-in expenses, food vouchers, bus passes, utility assistance. Program expenses - 2 computers, workstation, office supplies, mileage reimbursement/transportation | 237,778        |
| 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>378,824</b> |

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to quickly divert homeless detainees with serious mental illnesses, who have a history of arrest or frequent police interactions, into community supportive housing. Referrals are made by the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, area police departments, specialized homeless outreach teams and jail diversion behavioral health treatment provider(s).

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

Rapid Rehousing (short- to medium-term rental assistance) to assist clients with permanent housing placement in the community, providing housing navigation, case management and rental assistance to ensure exited clients remain stably housed in the community.

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

The following direct services will be provided: 1. Housing Identification: through the use of housing navigators to recruit landlords and find safe, affordable units in proximity to the amenities needed by the clients, that meet client choice. Units will be secured within the limits of the clients income or potential income. 2. Rent and move-in assistance: The provider will guarantee the lease between the landlord and client for the period



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enrollment in the RRH program. Move-in assistance will be provided in the form of needed household items and furniture to allow clients to immediately move into units. Support will be provided at only the level needed to stabilize the client in order to maximize resources. 3. Case Management and Services: Services are geared towards stabilizing the individuals in permanent housing by connecting individuals to mainstream services and supports. This includes benefits and employment assistance and support to navigate healthcare and behavioral systems.

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

Homeless individuals with severe mental illness who have also been involved in the criminal justice system. Funding will provide Rapid Rehousing and supportive services to an estimated 30 individuals per year.

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

Individuals who remain linked to program services and successfully transition into permanent housing demonstrate significantly lower rates of re-arrest. In addition, those who remain engaged in housing and accompanying supportive services demonstrate significantly greater decreases in bookings and jail days over time. Identifying individuals at admission who have more extensive histories of criminal justice system involvement and homelessness may offer opportunities to better focus individual engagement strategies, stably housing individuals with SMI, support individuals in gaining income and reduced homelessness in Miami-Dade. The following measures will be used to measure these outcomes: 1. At least 35% served will gain economic self-sufficiency or maintain/improve economic self-sufficiency while enrolled in the program. 2. Number and rate of re-arrest of clients in the program 3. Number of persons enrolled in the program 4. Number of persons successfully completing program

**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?**

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply, unless DCF determines that extenuating circumstances exist, shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan.

**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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**b. County:** Miami-Dade

**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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