



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2009

**1. Title of Project:** Apalachee Center Short Term Residential Forensic Treatment Program

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

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

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Apalachee Center, together with Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc., seeks to expand from a 4-bed to an 8-bed Forensic Short term Residential Treatment program at Apalachee Center to serve nonviolent felons who are, or may be, sentenced under Ch. 916, Florida Statutes, from Circuit 2. This program, funded from \$500,000 nonrecurring funds in Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19, requires total funding of \$1,001,560 for full implementation. At full funding, it is anticipated that this expanded programming will serve 40 to 62 additional clients annually. These individuals would otherwise remain in jail or be committed to the civil beds or secure forensic mental health treatment beds at Florida State Hospital. This enables a greater range of flexibility in terms of discharge options from acute psychiatric care.

**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	998,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>998,000</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)	998,000	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>998,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		500,000	367	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 998000

#### 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	Non-direct service staff (HR, IT, ACC)	70,137
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating expenses (utilities, supplies)	30,019
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Direct Service staff (RNs, LPNs, MHAs)	540,842
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating expenses (utilities, supplies)	357,002
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>998,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Reducing the high volume of mental health clients committed or waiting to be committed to secure forensic beds at Florida State Hospital (FSH), is one of the top priorities of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). DCF estimates that the number of individuals committed to FSH from Circuit 2 is currently the highest in the state for counties that are not considered one of the top ten most populous. On average, over fifty individuals from Leon County are committed annually to FSH. Out of the seven counties in Florida that commit over fifty individuals annually, Leon County is the only one not in the top 7 of overall population statewide. Apalachee Center seeks to fully implement an 8-bed Short term Forensic Residential Treatment program to serve this population. This project will allow substantially more individuals in Circuit 2 to be treated in the community instead of in State hospitalization.

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

Apalachee Center, together with Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, seeks to fully implement a new 8-bed Forensic Short term Residential Treatment program at Apalachee Center, and to use this program to serve nonviolent felons who are, or may be, sentenced in Circuit 2 under s. 916, Florida Statutes. Clients in this program will receive intensive services including psychiatric assessment, medication management, group skill-building, case management, competency restoration, and individual psychotherapy, if necessary, within a 24-hour locked treatment environment that meets the standards of a Baker Act Receiving Facility.



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

Short term psychiatric residential treatment services.

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

It is anticipated that this expanded programming will serve approximately 40-62 additional clients annually who would otherwise remain in jail or be committed to civil or secure forensic treatment beds at Florida State Hospital, allowing for greater flexibility in terms of discharge options from acute psychiatric care. Based on the past five years of performance in the 4 currently funded community residential treatment beds, it is projected that the more rapid through-put available with this program would allow forensic clients to be served at significantly lower costs.

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

On average, over fifty individuals from Leon County are committed annually to Florida State Hospital forensic programs. Out of the seven counties in Florida that commit fifty or more individuals annually, Leon County is the only one not in the top 7 of overall population statewide. Apalachee Center seeks to implement a full 8-bed Short term Forensic Residential Treatment program to serve this population. This project will allow substantially more individuals in this Circuit to be treated in this community without State hospitalization. Apalachee anticipates being able to divert from jail and subsequent State hospital treatment, assuming Court willingness to consider treatment within a community setting, between 40 and 62 clients. Even a more conservative estimate of 40 clients served in this 8-bed program would constitute a five-fold savings over serving these clients at Florida State Hospital. This savings is the result of the significantly faster through-put.

**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?**

Requirement 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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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Apalachee Center, Inc.
- b. **County:** Leon
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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

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