



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1224

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding to build a facility for the Gainesville Opportunity Center (GOC). The GOC seeks funding to construct a building in Gainesville, Florida for us to continue to provide services and greatly expand our services to the mentally ill in Alachua and surrounding counties. We are a Recovery Through Work Program where those with a mental illness can obtain stability, community involvement, and employment. Our members are less likely to have contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. We actively partner with local agencies and businesses to insure our members can meet the needs of employers and become an integral part of the community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,300,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1300000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	For furnishings and equipment for a professional kitchen and other areas. This includes purchasing a kitchen gas range, other restaurant style kitchen equipment, computers, and other furnishings.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</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	Acquisition of property and building of at least 4,000 square feet suitable for GOC services in support of those with persistent mental illness. Renovations as needed.	1,200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,300,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

The Gainesville Opportunity Center (GOC) will acquire property and a building, and renovate and furnish the building as needed to provide services to those with persistent mental illness. The GOC is a member of Clubhouse International, providing recovery through work, delivering education, housing, employment, and social support.

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

Educational, social, employment, and housing support for those with persistent mental illness.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The GOC provides a work ordered day in accord with Clubhouse International standards. Those with persistent mental illness participate in a structured day leading to transitional, supported, and independent employment.

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

The target population of this project is persons with persistent mental illness, including those with criminal justice involvement, who need assistance in obtaining stability, re-entering the community, and obtaining increased income or employment. Once a person becomes a "member" they are considered life time members and encouraged to be active on some level with the Gainesville Opportunity Center even after obtaining employment and wellness. Those who have been members longer then take on greater roles in the work centered day and encourage the new members to achieve stability and wellness.

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

The expected benefit of the Gainesville Opportunity Center will be: increased stability for those with a mental illness to include fewer hospitalizations, more positive involvement with the community, decreased contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system, increased income for those who qualify, transitional employment, supportive employment, independent employment, and increased partnerships with the local agencies and communities.

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?

Allocated funds should be recovered.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The GOC is a Non Profit 501(c) (3) entity who will receive the fixed capital outlay funding and own the building and property.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

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

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.