



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1163

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

4. Project/Program Description

Florida Recovery Schools of Central Florida, Inc. (FRSCF) mission is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment to meet the individual needs of adolescents in recovery. FRSCF provides education, mental health services, and recovery support. In September 2021, FRSCF launched the first recovery high school in Central Florida. It is named Freedom Springs High School and is operating as a virtual hybrid academic option for students ages 14-19. Freedom Springs High School serves students and their families who are ready and willing to work a program of recovery from substance use or co-occurring disorders, while simultaneously working towards earning a high school diploma.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	100,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**
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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director is the key leader of Florida Recovery Schools of Central Florida, Inc. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing administration, fundraising, volunteer management, programs, implementation of the strategic plan, and supervision of staff and volunteers. The Executive Director is selected by, reports to, and is accountable to the Board of Directors.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	<p>The Part-Time Mental Health and Behavioral Specialist will assume the major role to support students in the coordination and implementation of mental health and recovery programs. This specialist will provide individual and group support, helping each student identify and reach their wellness and recovery goals.</p> <p>The Part-Time Caregiver Advocate will serve as additional support for caregivers whose children may be a good fit for our program or are already enrolled in the school. This support</p>	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	100,000
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14. Program Performance

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

The specific goals of the funds requested are to improve school attendance, reduce dropout rates, increase graduation rates, reduce relapse, improve mental health, reduce the cost to society, and improve emotional wellness and self-regulation of our students.

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

The activities and services that will be provided include mental health services and recovery support while supporting students to achieve their academic goals. Students and families will receive case management, academic support, assistance to increase recovery capital, assistance to increase social and emotional skills, and assistance in finding clinical support.

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

Students will be provided with daily mental health checks, opportunities for students to receive one on one support, and participate in daily groups. A few of the focus areas of this time together include meditation, music therapy, setting SMART Goals, learning about multiple pathways to recovery, wellness Wednesday (exploring the 8 dimensions of wellness identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration), recurring assessments of recovery capital, and ways to increase it. By providing an environment that is supportive and celebratory of one another's accomplishments, students will benefit by positive reinforcement and recover successfully. Caregivers will be provided individual support as requested and group connections will be provided through monthly caregiver connection groups. Caregivers will be invited to join a social media group to regularly connect with other caregivers and our caregiver support specialist.

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

The target population served by this project are adolescents aged 14-19 who are ready and willing to work a program of recovery from substance use and co-occurring disorders. Additionally, the target population of this project includes caregivers whose adolescents are working a program of recovery and parents of adolescents who are struggling with substance use and co-occurring disorders. It is expected that 25 students will be served over the year and a minimum of 25 caregivers, for a total of 50 individuals.

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

- 1) Improve School Attendance Rate - School attendance for students will be improved by 80% or higher. This will be recorded daily.
- 2) Increase Participation in Mental Health and Recovery Supports - 100% of students will receive mental health and recovery support. As documented above in letter C, students will be provided daily support on multiple topics to foster their mental health and recovery. This will be tracked along with attendance.
- 3) Academics - 100% of students will progress academically. Students will be provided a structured schedule to work on their individualized academics. Staff monitor this daily and provide regular communication to students and caregivers of academic progress.
- 4) Increase Recovery Rate - 60% or higher recovery rate. This will be monitored by random drug screens and by examining and improving each student's recovery capital.

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 the contract?

The balance of funds will be returned to the state if deliverable or performance measures are not met.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number