



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2267

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Provides funding to construct 48 residential step-down and diversion treatment beds (three 16-bed units) in Wakulla, Lake, and Hillsborough counties to serve individuals with serious mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system. The beds are needed to maximize State and law enforcement resources in the community and within the State psychiatric system. This will provide a residential resource for the diversion of seriously mentally ill individuals from less appropriate and/or more expensive venues into the community mental health system. The beds would be priced at \$315 per day, a 12% cost savings.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	6,000,000	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 2024-2025	6,000,000	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.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Apalachee Center: \$887,283 and \$361,462.34 supplies, cleaning, and testing; as well as additional costs for contract staffing during extreme staffing shortages.
 Lifestream: \$1,808,484 - from Federal government for guaranteeing continuation of inpatient psychiatric services and for contract staffing and other expenses incurred due to COVID-19.
 Gracepoint: \$3,517,700 from Federal Gov for the PPP loan and \$150,365.26 listed that was "spent on COVID-19 related equipment utilized in our CSU.

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
 N/A

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.

Apalachee Center Inc., Lifestream Behavioral Center, and Gracepoint Wellness

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
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	Architecture, planning, engineering, plumbing, electrical, civil engineering, and all associated goods and services, etc., to build three 16-bed units (48 in totality) in Wakulla, Lake, and Hillsborough counties to serve this statewide issue and the counties/Circuits above.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

14. Program Performance



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

The purpose of this program is to provide a resource for the diversion of seriously mentally ill individuals from less appropriate and/or more expensive venues into the community mental health system.

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

Step-down & diversion services for individuals with serious mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system are needed to maximize State and law enforcement resources in the community and within the State psychiatric system. This program provides a residential resource for the diversion of seriously mentally ill individuals from less appropriate and/or more expensive venues into the community mental health system. The beds would be priced at \$315 per day, a 12% cost savings. Development of community resources for individuals currently served within the State system has been a top priority for the DCF and the Governor's Office for the past several years.

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

Level 1 Community Residential Facility housing and associated competency restoration, psychiatric, case management, court liaison, discharge planning, group and individual counseling, psychiatric assessment and psychiatric rehabilitation services for individuals diverted from the criminal justice system and stepped down from State secure forensic facilities.

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

High-risk seriously mentally ill forensic residential populations.

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

This project will divert individuals with serious mental illness from more expensive or less appropriate venues. Forensic hospital services within the state psychiatric hospital system cost an average of \$353. The beds provided in this proposal would be priced at \$315 - per day, a 12% cost savings. The success of this project will be measured by the percentage of program participants who are able to be safely transitioned to a less restrictive care venue.

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?

Require corrective action.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

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)



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- 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