



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1088

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For over 50 years Here's Help has served South Florida, providing treatment to predominately economically disadvantaged and ethnically diverse youth and adults. Substance abuse and mental health issues are addressed through a comprehensive treatment program that includes individual, group and family therapy, as well as educational programs. These are provided in a structured living situation that prevents entry into a higher level of care or incarceration. Evidence-based clinical interventions focus on wellness, self-esteem, self-guidance and independence. In addition, alternative therapies are offered that support the agency's excellent track record of transitioning the lives of criminal justice involved youth and adults to productive citizens (70% successfully complete the program). Current funding is significantly short of what is needed to meet the demand of citizens who are in serious need for these services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	200,000	250,000	372	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

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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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Proportionate share of 9 Therapists, Behavioral Health Tech and Floor Staff.	250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funding will expand residential substance abuse services and overall treatment. We lack the funding to treat the high demand for these critical services.

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



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Highly structured evidenced based residential substance abuse treatment program for male adults and juveniles. Services and activities include; individual, group and family therapy, educational programming, medical, dental and psychological services, social and recreational activities, and alternative therapies including music, photography, and computer graphics.

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

Residential substance abuse treatment services for males.

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

High risk, criminal justice involved adolescents and adults ages 13 to 35. Four additional beds will be added serving 12 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?

To have 70% of the participants successfully complete the residential program. State of Florida Department of Children and Families success criteria will be used which includes the client being drug free and completing 75% of the treatment goals.

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?

Proportional funding suspension.

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

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number