



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1701

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

4. Project/Program Description

The request is to maintain funding for 5.88 existing adult crisis stabilization beds in Pinellas County, serving persons with severe and persistent mental illness, or who may be a danger to themselves or others due to a mental illness.

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	950,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	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	950,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	750,000	372	No

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?

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

PEMHS received a PPP loan amounting to \$2.06 million to support increased staffing and CARES Act Provider Relief Funds amounting to \$355,019 to supplement lost revenue.



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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	Salary and Benefits for agency administration including CEO and support staff.	7,892
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and Benefits for agency administrative services including executive management, human resources, accounting and finance and information systems.	40,375
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General operating expenses for administrative services.	59,622
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and Benefits for Nursing, Mental Health Techs, Therapists and Discharge Planning.	521,923
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General operating expenses to include pharmacy, dietary, maintenance, and other support costs.	214,829
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for psychiatric and medical services.	105,359
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

14. Program Performance

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

This funding provides Crisis stabilization Unit services for 537 clients with an average length of stay of 4 days, resulting in 2,148 bed days. PEMHS has continued to see greater acuity in psychiatric illness as well as agitation in individuals admitted to the crisis unit. Many are presenting with much more severe levels of anxiety, depression and other debilitating mental health diagnoses. The care and treatment that PEMHS provides allows individuals to receive the appropriate level of care, at the right time in the right setting. Diverting clients to the CSU takes the strain and burden off the already overwhelmed hospital system and is substantially less costly.

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



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Crisis Stabilization services provide inpatient psychiatric care for individuals who are deemed to be a danger to themselves or others and need care in a safe and secure environment. Services include a psychiatric evaluation, nursing assessment, medical history and physical, medication as needed, verbal therapy both individual and group, and discharge planning to an appropriate level of care.

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

Crisis stabilization services will be provided by specific staff. Mental Health Technicians will monitor individuals for safety. Nurses, LPN, and RN will assess and examine individuals medical and psychiatric needs, providing medication as needed. Therapists, MA, MS, LMHC, and LCSW will provide both group and individual therapy and assist with discharge planning. Board Certified Psychiatrists (including Medical Director) will examine individuals to determine if they meet Baker Act criteria and prescribe medication as needed. Board Certified Physician will conduct history and physical to determine any medical condition(s) that need to be addressed. Discharge Planners, will gather pertinent information regarding the individual's current circumstance and document for the physician, as well as work on discharge plan and safe disposition. These funds will allow those persons in psychiatric crisis and need of safe and secure level of care, appropriate access to care.

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

The target population are individuals who meet indigent financial criteria and have no means of paying for these services to access care. 537 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The funding will allow 537 persons to access an appropriate level of care who might otherwise be held in Hospital Emergency Departments or might be placed in jail. Benefit: Improve Mental Health: Measurement: 100% of those admitted will meet Baker Act criteria for Crisis Stabilization Unit services. Outcome: 100% of admissions will be reported to the Managing Entity, CFBHN and will be uploaded to DCF. Benefit: Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.) Measurement: 100% of those admitted will meet criteria of an apparent mental illness, without care or treatment is likely to suffer neglect posing substantial harm to self, or will cause serious bodily harm to self or others. Outcome: Baker Act data is collected and reported to the Baker Reporting Center at USF. Benefit: Reduce Recidivism. Measurement: Recidivism will not exceed 15%. Outcome: Recidivism will be measured over the 30 days post discharge.

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?

A return of a percentage of funds might be considered for failure to meet expected deliverables or performance measures.

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



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- ☐ 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