



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1976

1. **Project Title** Florida Clubhouse Coalition: Rehabilitation & Employment for Adults with Serious Mental Illness
2. **Senate Sponsor** Joe Gruters
3. **Date of Request** 12/12/2023

**4. Project/Program Description**

Mental Health Clubhouses provide a community and evidence-based approach to rehabilitation for adults living with a mental illness. Partnering with local businesses that align with its values, Clubhouses offer members employment that pays commensurate wages, provide opportunities for members to reenter the workforce, and are active participants in the Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC), a core DCF strategy. DCF recurring funding currently allocates \$1.8 million to support 14 of Florida's Mental Health Clubhouse programs. In 2023, the Legislature provided equivalent state support to the Florida Clubhouse Coalition (FCC) for four new Clubhouse programs. Because the FCC's 501c3 designation had lapsed, it could not spend the funds. This request would revert and reappropriate \$500,000 approved in the 2023 budget (Line item 378) to give the Coalition time to renew its 501c3 and adds funding for a grants administrator (\$50,000) for one year to support the Coalition.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and Families
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	550,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>550,000</b>

**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)	550,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	550,000	378	No

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

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    
  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.

13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Two Employment Specialists x 4 programs + 1 grants administrator for the Coalition (@ \$50,000 each position)	450,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, outreach and program support expenses 60,000 (\$15,000 each program)	60,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Clubhouse international Training (Comprehensive and Employment track) @ \$10,000 each x 4 programs.	40,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>550,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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To revert and reappropriate \$500,000 approved in the 2023 budget (Line item 378) which, in addition to the 14 Clubhouse programs already supported by DCF, would provide equivalent state support for mental health rehabilitation and supported employment services to residents of four new programs in Manatee, Hillsborough, Polk and Palm Beach Counties. Additional funding (\$50,000) would support a grants administrator for one year so the Coalition can administer the funds.

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

The Mental Health Clubhouse Supported Employment program is an evidence-based service that helps people living with mental illness find jobs in the competitive marketplace leading to independence and a better quality of life. By implementing a robust job training program designed to teach a wide range of skills, Clubhouse members will be equipped with the skills needed to acquire employment.

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

Clubhouse members of each of the four new programs will be provided with hands-on skills training in areas such as technology, arts & graphics, videography, culinary & hospitality, customer service, and more to match to employer needs. Local businesses will be educated and recruited to provide employment to program-trained members. The FCC will have capacity to administer these grants for one year.

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

Adults with severe and persistent mental illness in Manatee, Hillsborough, Polk and Palm Beach Counties.

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

Each of the 14 existing Mental Health Clubhouses in Florida receives approximately \$125,000-\$150,000 per year from DCF. This request would ensure that the four new Clubhouse programs in Manatee, Hillsborough, Polk and Palm Beach counties receive the same level of state support to help their members secure and sustain employment in the competitive marketplace. Independent studies have found that one year of holistic recovery services are delivered to Clubhouse members for the same cost as a 2-week stay at a psychiatric hospital. Clubhouse members experience a significant decrease in hospitalizations, reduced incarcerations & reduced criminal justice system involvement. Clubhouses are active participants in the recovery-oriented system of care, a core DCF strategy. The Clubhouse model is also a SAMHSA-recognized best practice.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

**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



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- 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**