



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2631

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The opioid epidemic has no boundaries, does not discriminate, and brings with it enormous financial costs to our community. Parental substance use is the number one cause for removal of children under the age of five years old. The number of women who die within a year of having a baby is also a public health concern. STEPS Womens Residential, Integrated Treatment Services (ITS) will provide access to a safe efficient and cost-effective substance use treatment by providing level II residential treatment beds, coordination with Child Welfare, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid addiction and HIV prevention/treatment for women who are pregnant, post-partum and/or women with children in Central Florida. The rise in opioid use combined with injection drug use is fueling an increase in infectious disease incidence including HIV and the top five obstacles to access treatment for women reported are not knowing where to go, lack of affordability, waitlists and stigma.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	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>500,000</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	500,000	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.

In December 2021, \$73,930.05 was received from HRSA to provide assistance with payroll for employees in criminal justice outpatient programs as a result of delayed referrals due to court closings and contracted Jail programs closing during COVID.

## 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	The STEPS Women's Residential Maternal Wrap Around Program (MWRAP) will fund 10 additional residential beds in the existing program. Salaries and benefits are comprised of a portion of staff to provide twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week coverage that includes 11 counselors, 4 techs, 1 dietician, 1 nurse, and the program director.	376,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and expenses are budgeted for a portion of annual costs of gas, insurance and rent of vehicles to transport patients to and from treatment and scheduled appointments.	102,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants and contracted services include a portion of the cost associated with STEPS contracted medical director who will provide access to needed medical screenings.	22,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>500,000</b>
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#### 14. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of the STEPS Womens Residential, Integrated Treatment Services (ITS) is to provide access to a safe efficient and cost-effective level II substance use residential treatment. Coordination with Child Welfare, Courts, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and HIV prevention/treatment for women who are pregnant, post-partum and/or women with children in Central Florida. This program will outstrip stigma and discrimination and reduce immense costs for publicly funded systems.

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

In addition to level II residential treatment beds, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), HIV testing and Case Management. All participants will receive a client-centered approach to treatment through an Evidenced Based program that includes group therapy, individual and family counseling to address the specific and unique needs of women including parenting, trauma and health.

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

This project will provide ten (10) level II residential treatment beds, HIV testing, evidenced based group, case management, individual and family counseling, child welfare coordination, transportation to and from treatment as well as all appointments that includes visitation with child(ren) in dependency care, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), Medical appointments and job interviews.

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

STEPS expects to serve 20-25 women pregnant or post-partum, or with children, who have a substance use disorder and/or are at risk of living with HIV in Central Florida.

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

The expected benefits of the STEPS Womens Residential, Integrated Treatment Services (ITS) Program is to take a client-centered approach to providing access to a safe efficient and cost-effective level II residential substance use treatment. Coordination with Child Welfare, Courts, offer Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and HIV prevention/treatment for women who are pregnant, post-partum and/or women with children in Central Florida. This program will outstrip stigma and discrimination and reduce immense costs for publicly funded systems.

**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?**

Additional penalties the contracting agency may consider for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract may include: No payment of funds to agency as a result of not admitting clients within sixty (60) days of funding being made available; or No payment of funds to the agency if identified beds are vacant more than thirty (30) days.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information



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**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**