



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3640

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project is for the construction of the South Florida Children's Mental Health Crisis Center. The facility will be the only children's crisis stabilization center in south Miami-Dade County able to care for and treat children with severe psychological issues who are at risk of harming themselves or others. Once the children's crisis center is completed, more than 1,000 children, ages 4 to 17, from Miami Dade and Monroe Counties can receive behavioral health services closer to home and without delays. Offering these critical mental health crisis services in South Miami-Dade will save lives and promote successful futures, keep families together, enable continuity of care, more quickly re-engage children in schools, and provide a diversion from the criminal justice system.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	960,000
Total State Funds Requested	960,000

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)	960,000	10%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	480,000	5%
Local	3,790,000	40%
Other	4,200,000	45%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	9,430,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	250,000		Yes

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.

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.

\$6,298,015 for COVID prevention (e.g., personal protective equipment), testing and treatment have been received from the federal government.

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.

Community Health of South Florida, Inc., a 501(c) (3) organization, will be the owner and operator of the facility.

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	Funds will be utilized to finish actual construction on the new building.	960,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		960,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose will be to develop the only children’s crisis stabilization center in south Miami-Dade County able to care for and treat children with severe psychological issues who are at risk of harming themselves or others. With the children’s crisis center in place, more than a thousand children ages 4-17 from Miami Dade and Monroe Counties will be cared for and treated each year without delays and closer to home. Offering these critical services in times of crisis in South Miami Dade will save lives and futures, keep families together, enable continuity of care, more quickly re-engage children in schools and prevent these children from entering the criminal justice system.

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

The primary activity will be the construction of the only children’s crisis stabilization center in south Miami-Dade County. Once constructed, the facility will care for and treat Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with severe psychological issues who are at risk of harming themselves or others.

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

Once the children's crisis center is built, crisis mental health services will be provided to children in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

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

The target population will be Miami Dade and Monroe County children suffering from severe psychiatric distress and a risk to harming themselves or others. Over 1,000 children per year will be served by the children’s crisis center.

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

Population served will be children ages 4 to 17 predominantly from Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties who are in mental health crisis and in need of immediate in-patient services. Outcomes include: Youth suicides prevented, Psychiatric crises stabilized, Harm to others prevented, Children with severe mental illness brought into ongoing mental health treatment and support services. Methodology of outcome measurement includes: In-patient patient admission assessments, Children’s Functional Assessments (CFARS, Department of Children and Families), University of South Florida/DCF Baker Act data report.

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?

No additional penalties are recommended.

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)



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- 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