



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3227

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Osceola Recovery Project (ORP) is a community-based non-profit that focuses on substance use disorder prevention. As it works towards becoming a certified drug free coalition, it is currently focusing on youth drug prevention, reduction of adult substance abuse, with a focus on opioids and stimulants. It plans to accomplish this through community collaboration, public education, community awareness events, connections with other community resources and services, and connecting people in recovery with those who need support on their journey towards full recovery. Drug free community coalitions across the state of Florida have proven to be effective, through empirical evidence, against substance use disorders. Osceola County is one of the largest in Florida, and it lacks a community-based hub for those seeking help in recovering from all substances. The ORP has been operating on a minimal budget and is in need of support to carry out its mission.

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	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?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

In lieu of additional state funding, ORP recognizes the importance of self-sustainability. Therefore, additional fundraising will occur through conventional means such as local grants, events, partnerships, and support through businesses.



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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

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	1 Full Time Executive Director	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Benefits such as FICA, FUTA, Workers Comp, and Health Insurance	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses, education, and training for staff	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Independently-contracted Peer Recovery Specialists	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Part-time office receptionist	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies to include: Office-oriented materials, cell phone, laptop, LCD projector, and printer. Most of this financial request will be utilized to create educational materials, such as pamphlets and brochures for distribution throughout the community, including both public and private schools.	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional printing services and public relations consultants (conventional media and social media).	30,000
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?



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The Osceola Recovery Project (ORP) exists to help people living in Osceola County achieve recovery from substance abuse without judgment or stigma. We serve as a knowledgeable referral source by connecting individuals to recovery services. To achieve this, we work closely with local government policy makers, businesses, provider agencies, law enforcement, and other nonprofits to provide information and direct people to reputable and successful recovery organizations. Thus, the primary goal is to reduce substance abuse in Osceola County and promote recovery. Research shows that it is difficult for people suffering from substance use disorder to navigate the recovery community. The ORP intends to serve as a one-stop shop for anyone struggling with a substance use disorder, and their families.

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

- Innovate by creating and sustaining youth drug prevention programs.
- Specifically target opioid and stimulant abuse, which evidence shows to be the most prevalent.
- Increase member and organization competencies through coalition building activities.
- By 2024, ensure membership of all 12 community sectors within Osceola County.
- Conduct research through qualitative and quantitative means to adjust services from year to year.

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

- Serve as a hub for people searching for viable and reliable means for recovery.
- Peer to peer counseling.
- Memorandums of Understanding between ORP and other recovery-based organizations in order to streamline people obtaining the correct services.
- Educational materials will be produced for distribution throughout the county.
- Online education modules will be created to bring awareness and education for prospective recovery candidates.

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

Youth and adults in Osceola County will be the target audience. Although the ORP intends to help those who seek services, the main goal is to prevent substance use disorder by creating awareness and education.

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

The Osceola Recovery Project intends to fulfill a need for a drug free coalition. Currently, Osceola County is the only county in the state of Florida that does not have a functioning coalition. As one of the largest counties, it is essential to fill this gap in order to function as a one stop shop for those who are seeking help with substance use disorder. Moreover, work towards prevention will show a drop in substance abuse-related issues. The ORP, by conducting empirical research, intends to reduce substance use disorder by 10% after a baseline has been established.

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?

The ORP is fully prepared to return any outstanding funding if the goals are not achieved.

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