



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2366

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Programming, preliminary design and development of a funding strategy for a new Mental Health Housing Pod at the Martin County jail to house between 200 to 400 inmates with mental health issues. The new facility will provide direct services to the inmate population by implementing the Mental Health Step Down Program and court ordered release programs (Transitional Release Programs). The Mental Health Step Down program is a unit-based, residential program offering an intermediate level of care for inmates with serious mental illnesses who do not require inpatient treatment but lack the skills to function in the general population.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	98%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	85,000	2%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>5,085,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**
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**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.

Martin County (MC) received \$28,093,258 from the CARES Act in 2020 which was allocated to a variety of COVID-19 relief initiatives for local small businesses, non-profits, and mental health to offset the impacts of the pandemic such as capital and operational enhancements to mitigate the spread of the virus. MC received \$31,272,363 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which is currently being utilized to provide grants to community partners and fund capital infrastructure for clean water.

## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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.

Martin County Board of County Commissioners

### 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Space programming, preliminary design and the development of an overall funding strategy for the construction of a new Mental Health Housing Pod at the Martin County Jail.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The specific goal the Martin County Sheriff's Office will be able to implement with this project includes the Mental Health Step Down Program for incarcerated inmates and court ordered release programs (Transitional Release Programs).

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

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners and the Martin County Sheriff's Office will engage a team of architectural design consultants that specialize in the space programming, planning, construction funding and construction of a correctional facility housing pod that incorporates mental health services. The focus of the programming and design will be provide various degrees of mental health services to the inmate population and support the MCSO's Mental Health Step Down Program.

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

The direct services provided to the inmates in the future Mental Health Housing Pod include application of a Mental Health Step Down Program for incarcerated inmates and court ordered release programs (Transitional Release Programs). A step-down program will assist in the positive upward progression of an inmate. In addition, mental health court can provide parameters and conditional releases to monitor the inmates when they leave the facility. Untreated mental health issues and crises lead to criminality. Once the mentally ill become stable under treatments provided in the proposed Mental Health Housing Pod, crime will reduce.

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

The proposed Mental Health Housing Pod is anticipated to house between 200 and 400 inmates. The Martin County Sheriff's Office engaged a consultant to perform a Needs Analysis to better define the size of and general programming of the proposed pod.

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

A step-down program will assist in the positive upward progression of an inmate. In addition, mental health court can provide parameters and conditional releases to monitor the inmates when they leave the facility. Medication, positive programs, counseling, integration into the community and building positive relations with family members.

**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?**

For this multi-year funding project, if the project fails to be completed or fully funded, the unused, uncommitted portion of the funding 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
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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**