



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1393

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Specialized Treatment, Education and Prevention Services (STEPS), Inc, will provide level II residential treatment with a combination of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction to Pregnant; post-partum women and women with children, who are residents of Brevard County where no level II residential treatment beds exist. The opioid epidemic is without question the most impacting challenge our community has ever faced. This epidemic will without question destroy our communities if we do not aggressively intervene without delay. This epidemic has no boundaries and does not discriminate bringin with it an enormous financial cost to our community as we lose friends, family, and loved ones, which is the ultimate loss. Brevard County has the sixth highest crude death rate for drug overdoses in Florida. With a combined annual population of 9,534,289, people who live in Brevard County are 44 percent more likely to die from a drug overdose than the average American.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	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 2021-2022	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19		150,000	372	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.

11. 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	Staff salaries and benefits	376,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation for participants, office supplies and equipment	102,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Medication	22,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Reducing immense costs for multiple publicly funded systems in Brevard County by treating opioid addicted women and their child(ren) within the appropriate level of care. Many women either wait several months to get the treatment they need; are released from jail without any treatment at all; or to an inappropriate level of care, because there are no level II residential beds in Brevard County. While we have been focused on the Covid-19 pandemic, the existing overdose epidemic, has only continued to rise. Although we do not yet have data that captures the full impact of Covid-19 and its related societal effects on overdose deaths indicators show troubling increases associated with the pandemic. The CDC provisional drug overdose death count, which has been updated through April 2020, and shows an increase in overdose deaths. Effective treatment at the STEPS residential program will provide a broad array of services addressing women unique needs

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

In addition to level II residential treatment beds and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with an E-therapy component to all participants, a client-centered approach will be delivered through Evidenced Based Treatment Services including group therapy, individual and family counseling to address client specific needs and substance use disorders including parenting, family dysfunction, relationships or trauma. E-Therapy will allow counseling sessions with family members who are unable to attend in-person therapy sessions. Through established Memorandum of Agreements (MOA), STEPS will link all participant's to additional services unique to womens needs with appropriate community providers such as health care, pre and post-natal care, employment, education, childcare and housing. Upon completion of the residential program, participants will be transitioned to receive an appropriate level of care for continued services. Transportation will also be provided to all participants.

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



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Funds for this project will provide ten (10) level II residential treatment beds, evidenced based group, individual and family counseling, transportation to and from treatment as well as all appointments including visitation with child(ren) in dependency care and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with an E-therapy component to Pregnant; post-partum women; and women with child(ren) who are addicted to opioids residing in Brevard County. After transitioning back to Brevard County, participants will be placed in an Outpatient program to receive aftercare and follow up services, as needed.

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

The target population served by this project are women addicted to opioids who are pregnant or post-partum; and women with child(ren) residing in Brevard County. Depending on the length of stay which is anticipated at six months, 20 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Program outcomes will be measured through the following methods: (1) 75% of program participants will successfully complete treatment as evidenced by documentation in the discharge summary; (2) 75% of program participants will increase access to safe and sober housing as evidenced by documentation in the transition plan and discharge summary. (3) 75% of program participants will achieve reunification with their child(ren) as evidenced by documentation in child welfare case plans, the transition plan and discharge summary. (4) 75% of program participants will improve their probation outcome as evidenced by documentation in probation reports, the transition plan and discharge summary.

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?

Suggested penalties the contracting agency may consider in addition to standard penalties 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 60 days of funding being made available; or no payment of funds to the agency if identified beds are vacant more than 30 days.

13. 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.

N/A



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number