



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1611

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Access Community Awareness Center has been very active in the community by providing needed assistance to individuals and families so they can become self-reliant, self sustaining, and independent. This funding will support ongoing operations so that our agency continues to assist 1,300 low income families with housing security, entitlements assistance, food, clothing and emergency cash assistance for basic human needs and medical emergencies. We will also expand our reach across the state by establishing new offices, allowing us to serve an additional 1,000 Floridians in need.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 285,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 100,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 385,000 |

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) | 385,000 | 82% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 10,000 | 2% |
| Other | 75,000 | 16% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 | 470,000 | 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.

We have secured \$75,000 from private foundations, corporations and sponsorships this past fiscal year. We are confident we will sustain and expand private grants this year and secure a local government grant of \$10,000.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

SBA gave us a grant for \$6,000 and also a loan of \$22,300 under an EIDL Loan. Covid relief funds were used for expenses such as Payroll, IT Consultant, Marketing, and office equipment.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Founder/CEO/Executive Director | 10,000 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Administrative Assistant and Office Manager | 35,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Travel to multiple offices | 5,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | IT Consultant for Website and Social Media Maintenance 5,000; Grant Writer 10,000.00; Accountant 10,000.00 | 25,000 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, Targeted Case Management Supervisor | 125,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Office Supplies, Equipment, Marketing Printed Material, Subscriptions and fees, Social Media Marketing, Computers, Technology software, Internet and Phone, Liability insurance, Rent, Furniture, Travel to various county offices. | 60,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | IT Consultant for Website and Social Media Maintenance 15,000; Grant Writer 10,000.00; | 25,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Open office in Osceola, Orange, Duval Counties including cost of renovation, permits and license in each county. | 100,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 385,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

This funding will support ongoing operations so that our agency continues to assist 1,300 low income families with housing security, entitlements assistance, food, clothing and emergency cash assistance for basic human needs and medical emergencies. We will also expand our reach across the state by establishing new offices, allowing us to serve an additional 1,000 Floridians in need.

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

Our staff will conduct comprehensive intake assessments, work closely with clients to develop their goals and an action plan, assist them to applications and processes to access resources, provide emergency cash assistance and advocate for them via referrals and landlord mediation, etc. We educate our clients about our referral process, match them with the appropriate service, prequalify them with our partnering organizations, help with required paperwork, and arrange appointments if needed. We follow up clients, make home visits and lead food distribution events. ACAC works with government agencies and offices, nonprofits agencies and foundations, for-profits companies and corporations, and faith-based groups to ensure that our clients are getting the best help they need. We help close the gap between desperation and hope, providing a lifeline to people in need of help.

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



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We will assist low income families with basic human needs by offering intensive case management services, emergency assistance and referrals to partner organizations, at no cost. Our team works with clients hand in hand to ensure they have the tools and support they need to succeed and achieve self sufficiency. We not only are an Access Community Partner but also have more than 25 other organizations working together to assist Individuals with Handicap Disabilities, Victims of Domestic Violence, Returning Citizens, Free Durable Medical Equipment, mental health and more.

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

We target the following population: Low income, Communities of Color, Elderly Person, People with poor mental and physical health, Jobless, Economically Disadvantaged, Homeless, Developmentally Disabled, Physical Disabled, formerly incarcerated persons, and drug offenders. Throughout five years we have provided assistance to thousands of customers. We have a case worker as our case manager, also we have been approved from UCF University four students who are graduating from a Master's Degree in Social work. As such, we have been able to assist children or adults suffering from Autism, ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Bipolar, Schizophrenia, Depression, Anxiety, Panic Disorder, and other conditions.

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

By addressing basic human needs including housing and food security, we are improving the physical and mental health, enhancing self sufficiency and economic mobility of 2,000 individuals, specifically during critical times such as in the middle of a pandemic. A Case Manager will track all services and referrals for each client. Emergency cash assistance and additional case management support alleviates the family's crisis and helps them achieve stability so they can work on self sufficiency. By assisting financially and securing basic human needs, we equip clients to work on their employment and career goals, increasing their income and earning potential. We anticipate that 50% of those served will improve their economic circumstances.

Case Manager will track the number of people referred for work and work readiness programs.

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?

Hold funds until we meet deliverables and/or take necessary action to correct any issues with program implementation.

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.

Health Plan Market. Justin Jacob is the owner. 6218 W. Colonial Dr Ste 212, Orlando FL 32808 and Jacksonville -1403 Dunn Ave, Ste 9, Jacksonville FL 32118



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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