



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1700

1. Project Title Collaborative Apalachee Center/Leon County Sheriff's Office Mobile program (CALM)

2. Senate Sponsor Lorraine Ausley

3. Date of Request 02/11/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The Leon County Sheriff's Office seeks to deploy a mental health mobile response team as a means to divert mental health crisis patients from arrest and incarceration to services appropriate for the needs of the individual. The teams will handle a wide range of mental health-related crises, including conflict resolution, welfare checks, substance abuse, suicide threats, and more, relying on trauma-informed de-escalation and harm reduction techniques. Currently, the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) responds to mental health crisis calls (violent and non-violent). In calendar year 2020 there were 954 calls for persons experiencing a mental health crisis (Leon County and City of Tallahassee). Our Detention facility served 1,654 mental health inmates in calendar year 2020.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	350,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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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No

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	Hiring of mental health professionals, training of staff, engaging experts in law enforcement to assist in standing up the program.	350,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

This program would provide services to mental health patients in crisis and divert the response from law enforcement, to mobile mental health professionals. This will divert those in mental health crisis from the justice system, reduce detention facility population and provide timely mental health treatments more appropriate for the individual.

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

All appropriate patients identified in the course of CALM patrol in need of mental health services will be served through Apalachee Center community mental health system. Those patients needing additional services will receive referrals through LSCO community wellness portal (SPIRIT)>

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

The CALM program will deal with any mental health issues presented to the team during patrol, including potential harm to self or others, referral questions, conflict resolution and de-escalation, using evidence-based techniques.

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

In calendar year 2020 there were 954 calls for service for persons experiencing a mental health crisis (Leon County and City of Tallahassee). Our Detention facility served 1,654 mental health inmates in calendar year 2020. This data suggests there were 2,608 chances for us to divert those in mental health crisis from entering the Criminal Justice System.

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

A significant reduction in criminalizing mental health patients in crisis. Less fatal encounters with mental health persons in crisis. The methodology for measurement will include witnessing a significant reduction in mental health inmates within our facility, true cost savings for medical needs provided at the detention facility and a reduction in crime.



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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?

Return of appropriation.

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