



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1726

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Co-Responder model of criminal justice diversion pairs law enforcement and behavioral health specialists who respond to behavioral health-related calls for law enforcement service. The teams utilize the combined expertise of the officer and the behavioral health specialists to de-escalate situations and link individuals with mental health issues to appropriate services. Co-Responder teams play a critical role in their community's crisis care system working in partnership with 911, crisis lines, and mobile crisis response teams to provide individuals in crisis with cost-effective treatment alternatives to jail, emergency departments and inpatient disposition.

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	514,378
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	514,378

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)	514,378	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	514,378	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.



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We are seeking state support to establish the program in Marion County, with LSF Health Systems and the Sheriff's Office contributing in-kind funding. We will seek additional grants and local funding to sustain and expand the program in future years, including but not limited to the Marion County Hospital Board, the Sheriff's Office, the City of Ocala, the US DOJ's Bureau of Justice assistance grants and the DCF Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHA) Reinvestment grant.

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	(1 FTE) Care Coordinator @ \$46,350, (0.10 FTE) Project Coordinator (\$56,135 @ 0.1 FTE) = \$5,614; Grant Accountant (\$51,500 @ 0.1 FTE = \$5,150; Admin \$6,180; ME Trainer time allocation \$3,955 for Motivational Interviewing and \$2,318 for Cultural Competency Training; payroll taxes and benefits at 28%	89,045
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Gen office supplies \$750, laptop \$1,880; CEU proc/eval \$1,500; rent \$3,432; phone/cell \$2,100; copier \$129; postage \$400, printing training materials/supplies \$2,250; software licenses \$330; Travel/transp local & to five-day training (\$16,503, drops to \$4,500 in outyears due to staff 5 day training and travel only yr 1); conferences/meetings \$780; insurance \$1,885; ME indirect @ 9.75% (\$12,576)	44,515
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Specialized contracted training for (4) ME staff attending verbal judo instructor 5-day training (yr 1 only) estimated at \$2,000 per person	8,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	(2 FTE) Clinicians @\$50,000 each annually, (1 FTE) Care Coordinator @ \$50,000 annually, (0.5 FTE) Peer Specialist (\$35K ann X 0.5) @ \$17,500, (0.10 FTE) Director (\$78,540 ann x 0.10) @ \$7,854; payroll taxes and benefits at 22%	213,932
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General office supplies, program supplies, cell service, laptops @ \$21,393; Travel and Transportation for (2) Clinicians, (1) Care Coordinator, (0.5 FTE) Peer Specialist @ \$5,000; annual insurance @ \$2,000; Supportive Housing & Incidentals for program participants (\$800 x 6 mos in yr 1 x 17 clients in yr 1) @ \$81,600; provider indirect cost @ de minimus rate of 10% or \$33,893	143,886
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Specialized Team Training for staff and program participants	15,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		514,378

12. Program Performance

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



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Co-responder programs prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, prevent duplication of mental health services and facilitate the return of law enforcement to their normal duties. These programs provide a cost-effective alternative to jail overcrowding, repeated inpatient psychiatric and emergency room admissions, and help improve relationships between law enforcement and the community.

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

(1) Development of dispatch protocols for mental health response; (2) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer & Clinician to respond to behavioral health crisis, dispatched by 911; (3) Clinician to assess and determine level of care; (4) Warm hand-off for individuals who are stabilized in the community to a care coordinator and peer support specialist; and (5) Data collection & analysis.

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

(1) On-site de-escalation, assessment and identification of treatment needs; (2) Crisis intervention and brief counseling; (3) Linkage and referral; (4) Follow-up as needed to promote crisis resolution; (5) Evaluation and arrangement for inpatient hospitalization as needed; and (6) On-going supervision by care coordinator and the peer support specialist to ensure individual is engaged in services.

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

Individuals in crisis in the community to which law enforcement have been dispatched; this includes individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder and repeat misdemeanor offenders who may have an undiagnosed behavioral health issue.

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

1) 75% of individuals are diverted from emergency department and in-patient psychiatric facilities; (2) 80% of individuals are diverted from arrests/criminal justice; (3) 80% individuals remain in their community-based living environment as an outcome of Co-Responder response. This will be measured via ongoing data collection, analysis and reporting, and quality improvement activities.

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?

Financial penalties will be imposed for not meeting the outcomes and maintaining staffing level.

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