



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1950

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Flagler County Mental Health Drop-In Center will be a collaborative effort by Flagler County, Advent Health and a private behavioral healthcare provider for a true public private partnership. Advent Health will deed over to Flagler County a building for use as the new Center. The County will then provide this building at not cost to the private partner and make any necessary renovations. The Drop-In Center will be staffed and operated by the private partner. This Center will provide an informal, supportive environment to assist consumers with mental illness in the recovery process. Daily services will include socialization activities, daily groups; guest speakers; expert advisors; leisure activities; assistance with life skills and securing benefits; and grooming/hygiene/home maintenance. These funds will be used for first year operations allowing for time to apply for grants and to create a public-private partnership known as the Flagler County Behavioral Health Consortium.

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	245,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	245,000

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)	245,000	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	245,000	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.



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

Yes

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

Approximately \$20 million was received and used for business and individual assistance grants, local government including municipalities and public safety.

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	The Drop-In Center will be staffed with approximately 3.0 FTE employees and a Mental Health Counselor or Social Worker	225,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies and equipment	20,000
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)		245,000

12. Program Performance

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

Create a community-based mental health resources that will assist Flagler County residents to receive the counseling and assistance needed to improve their quality of life, enhance self-esteem and provide them with the self-confidence and coping skills to meet the demands of daily activities. Through provisions of access to the needed mental health resources the number of residents dying from suicide, substance abuse or other related mental health illnesses should decline.

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

The Mental Health Drop-In Center will provide opportunities to learn and share coping skills and strategies, and to build and/or enhance self-esteem and self-confidence

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

They will provide organized support groups or peer-to-peer counseling to address the need for peer socialization, and recovery-based approaches that emphasize self-determination, consumers strengths, encouragement and hope. Daily services will include socialization activities; daily groups; guest speakers; expert advisors; leisure activities; assistance with life skills and securing benefits; and grooming/hygiene/home maintenance.

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



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In 2017, Flagler County had the highest suicide rate in the State of Florida and while our numbers have been dropping, 2020 because of the pandemic, we are seeing a rise in depression and suicide. We are also seeing a rise in domestic violence and substance abuse resulting from serious mental health illnesses. Currently, Flagler County has 446 residents diagnosed with serious mental illness. The Drop-In Center will serve as an access point to many of these residents as well as our youth in the community. Each year the school has to Baker Act many students due to mental health related issues so this drop-in center would be a great resource for our local schools.

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

The expected benefit is that Flagler County residents will not need to seek mental health related assistance outside of the county. They will see their quality of life improve as a result of counseling, enhance self-esteem and provide them with the coping skills needed to meet the demands of daily life. We expect the suicide, domestic violence and substance abuse rates will decline along with the number of students that the Flagler County School System must Baker Act.

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?

If the private partner fails to meet the needs of the residents of Flagler County for behavioral healthcare, Flagler County will look to contract with another private behavioral healthcare provider.

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