



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2025

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

Screen low-level, nonviolent, criminal offenders whose commission of the offense is often repetitive, and attributed to their inability or failure to access safety net services, such as Substance Use/ Mental Health treatment, primary care, housing, or transportation. The funding will provide intake/case management services, and connect offenders to available services. Sober living, family reunification, substance use and mental health treatment, veterans' services, and transportation are on the menu of options. Local initiative by 7th Circuit SAO underway shows early success and will end after 6-month pilot, unless funding can be secured.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	375,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>375,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	375,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

None at this time. However, potentially federal grants may be applied for through SAMHSA or BJA to cover these services. Statewide grants, such as through CJMHS grant, could be used. This would require a year of a planning grant prior to an actual implementation of services.

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.**

\$270,521.20 was received through the CARES Act \$50 billion general allocation of the Provider Relief Fund. The funds were used to cover direct COVID related costs and lost revenue associated with fewer outpatient visits.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative cost allocation to SMART program for Human Resources, Accounting, Executive Management, Patient Accounts, and Performance Improvement	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost allocation to SMART Program	12,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Direct Program Staff: Team Administrator (.15), Team Supervisor (1), Case Managers (3).	215,022
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Building occupancy (\$10,541), insurance (\$7,221), equipment (\$10,127), operating support supplies and other expenses (\$34,589), Client Support/Services (\$60,000)	122,478
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>375,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Reduction in costs of prosecution, defense, and judicial handling due to the avoidance of court dockets and repeated cycling through the criminal justice system by persons determined to be low-level, nonviolent, criminal offenders whose commission of the offense is often repetitive, and attributed to their inability or failure to access safety net services. The pilot underway in 7th Circuit by SAO indicates that 44.5% who accepted the program and successfully completed the program had their charges dropped. In terms of total target population screened, 34% were diverted away from the legal system.

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

Hire three case management staff along with a supervisor in order to screen and provide case management services to low-level, nonviolent, criminal offenders whose commission of the offense is often repetitive, and attributed to their inability or failure to access safety net services, such as Substance Use/ Mental Health treatment, primary care, housing, or transportation.

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



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The funding will provide intake/case management services, and connect offenders to available services. The target population will be screened and if criteria is met, will be provided case management services to include linking, monitoring, and advocacy. Individuals will be linked to sober living, family reunification, mental health treatment, veterans' services, drug and alcohol treatment, and other available resources. Transportation will be coordinated with individual and significant others. Upon a demonstration that the offenders are compliant with treatment, criminal charges are dismissed by state attorney's office.

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

Adults with low-level, nonviolent, criminal offenses whose commission of the offense is often repetitive, and attributed to their inability or failure to access safety net services. The program expects to screen 800 individuals for program services, of which 600, will accept services, and 280 will be diverted from 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?**

Outcomes include a reduction in the number of cases for the Public Defender and State Attorney's office to go through the judicial system, thereby reducing the man hours and cost to the state to provide such services. When comparing one year pre-program data to 1 year post implementation data, there will be a 35% decrease in repetitive, low level non-violent court cases, recidivism with these type of crimes, and alleviation of crowded dockets. The number of these type of cases will be tracked year over year. The percentage of target population who accepted the program and successfully complete it with charges dropped will be 45% as measured year over year.

**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?**

None proposed

**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.**

No fixed capital outlay funding is proposed.



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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