



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2512

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

4. Project/Program Description

Northwest Behavioral Health Services is requesting \$1,000,000 to expand two programs: (1) 24/7 Trauma Counseling & Trauma Stabilization for children, young adults and Veterans who have witnessed a traumatic event (suicide, homicide, etc.) within 60 minutes of the incident being reported to the Jacksonville's Sheriff's Office; and (2) Face-to-face consultations for veterans and families who have witnessed recent traumatic events. Funds will be used to develop alternatives to involuntary hospitalization and provide coordination of needed services. Northwest will also provide educational workshops and support groups focused on bullying, gang related activity, victims of evictions, and suicide prevention.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,500,000	71%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	3,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	100,000	367	No

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.**
- Philanthropic donations and faith based contributions.

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.

We received \$26,960 CARES Act funding. The funds were used for payroll and payroll taxes during the pandemic.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program supervisor and/or Project Head Salary (pro-rata portion)	5,432
Other Salary and Benefits	Building Manager salary, including hiring additional data and administrative assistant (pro-rata portion)	4,502
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Financial audit expenses (pro-rata portion)	2,428
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program staff salaries including hiring additional Licensed Therapist, Counselors and Program Supervisor, and administrative support positions (pro-rata portion)	362,638
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medical equipment, office equipment, travel, purchased services, communications and supply expenses related to services (pro-rata portion)	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Psychiatric services, residential and detox, quality improvement and compliance unit, legal and accounting costs (pro-rata portion)	125,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

This allocation will support and expand the unmet behavioral health needs of at-risk youth, young adults, and Veterans and their families throughout Duval county. The purpose of this funding is to reduce the long-term mental health impacts of witnessing or experiencing gun violence; family trauma-related to suicide; home evictions; and job loss and to reduce admissions to Crisis Stabilization Units.

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

24/7 Trauma counseling & Trauma Stabilization for children, young adults and Veterans who have witnessed a traumatic event (suicide, homicide, etc.) provided within 60 minutes from the time incident is reported to the Jacksonville's Sheriff's Office. We also provide educational workshops and support groups focused reducing bullying, gang related activity, victims of evictions, and suicide prevention.

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

Provide face-to-face consultation (therapy, mental health counseling, etc) for children, young adults, Veterans and families who have witnessed a traumatic event. Assess, deescalate the crisis, determine the level of care necessary to meet their individual needs. Develop alternatives to involuntary hospitalization and coordination of needed services.

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



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Intend to serve 700 persons. Includes elderly persons; individuals with poor mental and poor physical conditions; jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons; at-risk youth; homeless; developmentally disabled; physically disabled; drug users; preschool students; grade school students; high school students; University/college students; currently or formerly incarcerated; drug offenders; victims of crime; along with veterans and their families.

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

Improving mental health by providing psychological first aid to individuals in crisis, experiencing gang-related activities and loss of a love one or family member. Improve quality of education by providing outreach and information and referral services to children, teens and adults (up to 35y) to improve MH awareness and accessibility for students who are failing in classes and educational training programs due to trauma crisis, events, issues, etc. While also reducing substance abuse through trauma crisis and divert youth from the criminal and juvenile justice system.

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 there is an area in which Northwest Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is deficient, it is suggested that a corrective action plan be implemented and monitored to ensure that any deficient areas are corrected timely. Northwest Behavioral Health Services has worked with the directed state agency during the current year to ensure that current funding meets the required goals and brings value back to the community while achieving the expected performance measures.

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