



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1236

1. Project Title Affordable Supportive Housing Expansion for People with Mental Health Disabilities

2. Senate Sponsor Lori Berman

3. Date of Request 02/03/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Henderson Behavioral Health will develop 12 additional units of affordable supportive housing in Palm Beach County for individuals with a severe and persistent mental health conditions that are receiving Florida Assertive Community Treatment Services (FACT). In South Florida, the lack of affordable housing has become a crisis, leading the nation in the highest income-to-housing discrepancy gap. As rental prices continue to increase, lower income persons are unable to find adequate housing, resulting in homelessness. Supportive housing increases mental health stability for people with severe and persistent mental health conditions, but also improves health and lowers public costs by reducing the use of publicly funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, and jail. Henderson was recently awarded a second FACT team in PBC. People in need of FACT services are most often homeless. These funds would allow for housing for this vulnerable population.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,400,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,400,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	4,800,000	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.



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

No

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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/31/23

12. List 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.

There are no facility owners. Henderson Behavioral Health is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is overseen by a volunteer board of directors.

13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction/purchase/renovation of supportive and affordable residential housing that accommodates 12 residents	2,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,400,000

14. Program Performance

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



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An increase in affordable housing inventory for people with mental health disabilities in Palm Beach County will be achieved. (The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as "housing in which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of gross monthly income for housing costs.") 56% of Palm Beach County renters are cost burdened making Palm Beach County one of the most unaffordable places to live in the U.S. For low and extremely low income people, especially those with mental health disabilities, it is nearly impossible obtain affordable housing. These funds will be utilized to make housing available for this population. With affordable housing, additional purpose served is to decrease hospitalization, homelessness and incarceration, reducing use of publicly funded services and improve behavioral health and health outcomes, reducing costs related to healthcare.

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

Henderson Behavioral Health will acquire one or more existing properties in Palm Beach County and renovate as needed. These units will be targeted to Palm Beach County residents with a severe and persistent mental illness, receiving FACT services. In addition, persons served by the project must be income eligible. They must meet the Low or Extremely Low median income guidelines as established by HUD. Supportive services will be provided by Henderson Behavioral Health.

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

Persons served will receive safe and affordable housing. Supportive services will be offered to housing recipients. Henderson uses a client centered, community based model that focuses on assessing needs, referring to services, assisting with accessing services, and coordinating and monitoring on-going treatment. The comprehensive support services include; case management, certified peer support counseling, individual therapy, medication management, nursing, Medicaid and Medicare enrollment, access to employment services, and coordinating care for primary care and specialty care services.

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

This project will serve adults age 18 and over with a behavioral health diagnosis who may also have a concurrent substance use disorder and that are enrolled in FACT services. Persons served may also be experiencing homelessness at time of program entry. Persons served by the project must be income eligible. They must meet the Low or Extremely Low median income guidelines as established by HUD. Supportive services will be provided by Henderson Behavioral Health. It is anticipated the program will serve a minimum of 12 individuals annually over a period of 10 years.

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

Anticipated outcomes include:
Housing stability – As determined by persons served retaining the housing placement for a minimum of 12 months.
Reduction in hospitalizations-Data obtained from HIPPA-compliant data-sharing agreements with local hospitals
Reduction in incarceration-Data obtained from public arrest and jail records.
Improvement in participant overall mental/emotional status- The Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview tool will be used to evaluate this outcome.
Improved overall quality of life – The Ferrans and Powers Quality of Life Index will be used to evaluate this outcome.
To test for these effects and assess cost-effectiveness the evaluation design is a single group pre/post intervention with placement into permanent housing as the intervention.
Quality of life is assessed to determine change in stability, and the cost benefit analysis will be completed to determine change in hospital and community service costs.

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?

A reduction or return of funding may be considered if Henderson Behavioral Health were to fail in meeting deliverables or performance measures provided in the contract.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number (954)777-1626

Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Henderson Behavioral Health

b. Municipality and County Palm Beach

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

b. Firm Name None

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number