



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1497

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

4. Project/Program Description

In 2018, Flagler Hospital, Inc. launched BRAVE (Be Resilient And Voice Emotions), a youth mental health program to break down mental health stigma and to ensure that all students and families have access to mental health services. Using a HUB model and a unified assessment, BRAVE serves as the HUB for connection to behavioral health services throughout the state of Florida. BRAVE has access points within schools, behavioral health agencies, and community access points. BRAVE receives referrals directly from the Multi-Tiered System of Support(MTSS), the BRAVE program screens families for the most appropriate behavioral health services and links each family to one of our behavioral health partners for immediate connection to services and continues to support the family throughout treatment, for a minimum of 6 visits. This funding will allow the program to continue to expand to serve all 67 counties in Florida, expanding access for over 2.7 million students.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	7,925,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	7,925,000

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)	7,925,000	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 2023-2024	7,925,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	3,000,000	372	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Public private partnerships; Local Government support; Philanthropy



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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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Medical Director \$240,000 + 25% benefits = \$300,000	300,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, supplies, equipment.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Network and Expansion Manager (1) \$90,000 + 25% benefits = \$112,500; Regional Program Managers (3) \$80,000 + 25% benefits = \$100,000; BRAVE Community Health Associates (40).\$45,000 + 25% benefits = \$56,250; BRAVE Team Leads (6) \$70,000 + 25% benefits = \$87,500; Master's level clinicians (5) - \$70,000 + 25% benefits = \$87,500.	3,625,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, supplies, equipment, marketing and outreach, BRAVE Summits \$1,800,000; BRAVE Mobile Behavioral Health Unit (Bus) \$1,000,000	2,800,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Electronic case management/referral/billing platform and purchased services.	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,925,000



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14. Program Performance

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

This funding will continue to provide for the statewide expansion and sustainability of the BRAVE (Be Resilient and Voice Emotion) Program.

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

BRAVE will continue to serve all 67 Florida counties. This will be accomplished with the existing staff structure put in place last fiscal year in addition to 20 new BRAVE Care Navigators, 6 BRAVE Team Leads, 5 BRAVE Clinicians, and an additional Expansion Manager. In addition to providing behavioral health navigation services to students and their families, Regional BRAVE Managers and the Expansion Manager will be lead the development and maintenance of high-performing behavioral health provider networks in each respective region.

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

Provide a Single point of access to connect with youth behavioral health services; Social health needs assessment and behavioral health provider eligibility screening; Care Navigation to support family/youth during process of identifying and establishing relationship with behavioral health provider. BRAVE Clinicians will be able to provide counseling services to help fill gaps in areas where there are a lack of service providers.

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

The BRAVE Program supports students between Kindergarten to Grade 12. With an average referral rate of 2% and 2.8 million students in Florida, this expanded program is expected to serve 56,000 students and families.

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

1. Increase number of students identified (in school) with a behavioral health need that receive at least 1 visit with a behavioral health provider. TARGET= 90%
2. Decrease the length of time between identification of behavioral health need and first appointment with behavioral health provider. TARGET= 50% within 14 days, 90% within 30 days.
3. Increase the mental health education for students to show that 75% of students or higher feel that the BRAVE program has given them new tools and coping mechanisms to deal with their mental health. TARGET = 75% or higher.

The BRAVE program utilizes an electronic case management/ referral tool to support the coordination of clients. All stakeholders, including the client, have access to the system and are required to input standard data elements. This data is analyzed on a weekly basis at the County/ Regional/State levels to identify trends and performance.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number