



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1508

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

SMA Healthcare's FACT (Florida Assertive Community Treatment) Team was first funded with nonrecurring general revenue funds in FY 2016-17, and nonrecurring funding authorized in each subsequent fiscal year. FACT is an evidence-based approach to providing treatment to those with the most serious and persistent mental illness - a population that is often homeless, incarcerated, or revolving in and out of mental health crisis units and state hospitals. FACT assures the safety of the individual and the broader community by providing treatment and a social network for those who are seriously mentally ill. The FACT team is staffed with a team leader, psychiatrist, nurses, social workers, mental health counselors, and peers. FACT is unique in that it is the only service that offers housing, medication and a flexible funding subsidy to enrolled individuals. Each team is mandated to serve no more than 100 individuals at a time.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	3,000,000	381	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.

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



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No

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.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative cost allocation to FACT program for Human Resources, Accounting, Executive Management, Patient Accounts, and Performance Improvement.	92,340
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost allocation to FACT Program.	49,720
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Direct Program Staff: Team Administrator, Team Supervisors; Psychiatric ARNP; Team Clinicians (5), Peer Support (2); RNs (2); LPN; and Administrative Assistant.	847,864
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Site \$27,500; Travel \$63,000; Direct Client Support \$295,000; Equipment \$10,000; Supplies \$12,576; Software \$12,000; Program Support \$75,000; Insurance \$15,000.	510,076
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)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance



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

The goal is to assure continued funding for the Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) team serving Putnam and St. Johns County. Prior to 2016, the Putnam - St. Johns region did not have a FACT Team as part of its local continuum of mental health care. Assertive Community Treatment is an evidence-based program implemented in communities nationwide that provides effective community-based treatment to those with the most serious and persistent mental illness.

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

Counseling, Medication, Housing, and Intensive Case Management of persons with severe mental illness, particularly those individuals who have previously been treated in one of Florida's state-run psychiatric hospitals.

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

Assessment, planning, linking monitoring, and advocacy for persons with severe mental illness in order to assure adherence with medications, regular attendance at counseling, safe housing, good nutrition, access to exercise, wellness and social activities. All services are directed to ensuring the highest level of functioning and guard against decompensation among this highly vulnerable population.

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

Individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness, including, but not limited to, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression and accompanying personality disorders. The target population has experience multiple hospitalizations for their mental health disorders. 60% or more of FACT clients are enrolled upon their discharge from a state psychiatric hospital. FACT serves 100 clients at any time.

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

Outcomes include reduced psychiatric symptoms and improved functioning. Specific reductions are measured including the number of episodes and days in care in a state hospital, episodes and days in care in local hospital emergency departments, episodes and days in care in local crisis stabilization units, episodes and days homeless, episodes and days incarcerated and days of medication non-compliance. These results are aggregated and reported to DCF monthly.

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?

The standard department contract penalties are adequate.

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

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- ☐ 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