



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1955

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Request funding to support continued operations of a mental health diversion program designed to redirect certain populations away from incarceration in local jails. Participants will be placed into the program typically as a condition of their bond and Pretrial Release Supervision. Services included in the program include needs assessment, service referrals, case management, substance use disorder treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation, self-help, advocacy, recovery planning, health and wellness, and relapse prevention. This innovative program has served 81 incarcerated persons referred by the Okaloosa County Pre-Trial Program since opening in January 2020. During 2022, 69% of participants achieved successful program completion. Additionally, only 8 clients (10%) experienced rearrest during 2022 which continues to be below the average recidivism rate in Florida.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>350,000</b>

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)	350,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	350,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	350,000	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.**



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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.

Okaloosa County BCC has expended approximately \$37 million in federal assistance for a variety of costs as a result of COVID. Okaloosa County is also receiving \$40 million in ARPA funding for a variety of projects.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Okaloosa County BOCC has contracted with a behavioral health organization to provide post booking diversion for appropriate individuals with misdemeanor and low level felony charges from the criminal justice system as well as post-release wraparound services to those who are released from custody. The annual cost of the program is \$700,000. The county will provide the balance of the funding.	350,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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>350,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

Provide post-booking diversion for appropriate people with misdemeanor and low level felony charges from the criminal justice system as well as post-release wraparound services to those who are released from custody to prevent recidivism. Due to the success of this program, the Office of State Attorney First Judicial Circuit has expanded the range of offenses eligible for consideration for referral to this program from the original misdemeanor only to now include low-level non-violent felonies. Additionally, during this past year, Public Defenders have been referring their clients to the Okaloosa Pre-Trial Program staff for consideration to be accepted into the Okaloosa Pre-Trial Mental Health Program. As awareness of this program has increased within the County Jail, inmates themselves have asked to be considered for this program.

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

Services included in the program include needs assessment, service referrals, case management, psychosocial rehabilitation, substance use disorder treatment, self-help and advocacy, recovery planning, health and wellness classes, relapse prevention and education factors that have contributed to their judicial involvement. Active monitoring of participants will be provided by Pretrial Services in coordination with the behavioral health organization staff.

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

Direct services included in the program include needs assessment, service referrals, case management, psychosocial rehabilitation, substance use disorder treatment, self-help and advocacy, recovery planning, health and wellness classes, relapse prevention and education factors that have contributed to their judicial involvement.

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

Persons with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, drug users, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and the general population of Okaloosa County, which has a population of over 200,000.

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

Recovery and rehabilitation of patients and reduced recidivism. Test whether costs of incarceration, length of incarceration, recidivism, can be lowered, safety increased and liberty protected in a cost-effective way in counties with a paucity of mental health and substance abuse treatment resources.

##### 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 and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

#### 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**