



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2171

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal of Let's Talk is to provide free, confidential, behavioral health navigation and support to individuals in need throughout a multi-county region of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk counties; including navigation to local providers, brief counseling, peer supports, self-directed resources, and immediate connection to crisis supports where necessary. Addressing behavioral health challenges before they intensify will lead to long-term improvements in population health and quality of life.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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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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		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	Costs of contract with local behavioral health providers to operate navigation and support line; marketing and communications costs for expansion of line.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goal of Let's Talk is to provide free, confidential, behavioral health navigation and support to individuals in need throughout a multi-county region of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk counties; including navigation to local providers, brief counseling, peer supports, self-directed resources, and immediate connection to crisis supports where necessary. Addressing behavioral health challenges before they intensify will lead to long-term improvements in population health and quality of life. N/A is not considered a valid response.



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

Funds will support 5,000 calls per year to the Let's Talk line facilitating Tampa Bay area residents to behavioral health care supports and will provide promotion of the service to residents

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

Let's Talk will connect Tampa Bay area callers who are experiencing a mental health challenge with local trained counselors who will establish rapport with the caller, conduct a screening to determine caller type and identify any risk factors, provide support to the individual in need through collaborative problem solving, and connect the caller to local supports and services near them.

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

Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk and Pasco County residents.

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

Addressing mental health challenges before they escalate to acute or crisis levels.

Short-term: measuring the number of calls to Let's Talk, primary presenting need, whether or not the individual accessed care, and satisfaction. Long-term: reducing the percentage of people reporting poor mental health days; reducing the use of the ER for mental health concerns; reduction in suicides and overdoses.

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?

Repayment of funds.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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