



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1007

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The CMST will work with law enforcement in a collaborative partnership to identify individuals who experienced a mental health crisis and were admitted to in-patient services as a result of a law enforcement Baker Act. These individuals will receive follow up services from CMST staff within 10 days after the Baker Act, which will reduce recidivism and has reduced law enforcement-initiated Baker Acts by more than 10% each year since program implementation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	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 2025-2026	850,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	425,000	377	No

9. Is future-year 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.

N/A

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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	General and Administrative cost allocation is estimated to be 10% of total project cost and is comprised of an allocation of the Administrative, Finance, Human Resource, Patient Billing, and Purchasing departments.	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for 13.4 FTEs (full time equivalents). Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, vacation, workers compensation, and unemployment costs.	662,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes staff travel, trainings, software fees, malpractice and property insurance, cell phone and internet, maintenance and information services costs, and office supplies.	103,000
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)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the funds is to place CMST counselors in local law enforcement substations to reduce Baker Act admissions and conduct follow up services within 10 days of the Baker Act. This will free up law enforcement partners to respond to other more appropriate calls for service. Working together with the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement, CMST focuses on post Baker Act follow up, diverting individuals to community services, reducing Baker Act admission and readmission rates in our community.

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

CMST provides post-law enforcement Baker Act follow up, specialized outreach, and assessment for individuals in crisis. CMST crisis counselors are located in law enforcement substations across our service area and will work with law enforcement to assess/de-escalate crisis situations not requiring a Baker Act; identify relevant services to meet individuals' needs; and link individuals to community-based services to divert/avoid a Baker Act.

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

CMST provides post-law enforcement Baker Act follow up, specialized outreach, and assessment for individuals in crisis. CMST counselors are located in law enforcement substations to assist in intervention and follow up with individuals experiencing mental health crises, resulting in diverted arrests by addressing presenting crises, connecting individuals to resources, alleviating further crises, and potentially avoiding the Baker Act.

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

The target population served by this project is persons who have been under a law enforcement-initiated Baker Act and persons in crisis that don't require a Baker Act. We expect to serve more than 800 individuals annually.

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

Peace River Center (PRC) will improve mental health and reduce recidivism of individuals who were under a Baker Act initiated by law enforcement. The provision of follow up services within 10 days of discharge from a Baker Act has shown decreased suicidality and improved overall mental health, as demonstrated by the Columbia Suicide Risk Assessment and PHQ-9/PSC-17 assessments. In 2023, CMST provided more than 7,000 follow up services to 2,620 people resulting in a 16% reduction in Baker Acts initiated by law enforcement.

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 in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables outlined in this request would result in the return of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.