



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1209

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Serving 3,200+ households annually, the CALL Service is a centralized intake and referral program that provides a comprehensive telephone assessment at no cost to identify needs and quickly connect callers with recommendations for Alpert JFS and/or other community resources. Master's degree level CALL professionals provide customized referrals within 48 hours for mental health counseling, psychiatry, food assistance, specialized care for vulnerable populations, and emergency situations.

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	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	20,000	2%
Other	580,000	48%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,200,000	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	600,000	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.

Funds raised from individual donors and private foundations.

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	Indirect Admin Fee of 10%; Grant Management Fee of 5%. Pre-award and post-award administration, compliance, management, reporting, and operational tracking.	90,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Chief Program Officer (MBA) Five (5) Master's-level, Florida licensed mental health professionals (Social Work or Psychology) One (1) Behavioral Health Supervisor (LCSW, LCADC, CCS) Six (6) Behavioral health counselors serving referred CALL clients (Master's-level; LCSWs or LMHCs)	506,797
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies - toner cartridges, paper Telephone Postage	2,803
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Welligent EHR software license fees Outside printing (forms)	400
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

The CALL Service is a centralized intake program with Master's Level professionals who provide telephone-based assessments to identify the needs of the caller and quickly connect them with referrals to resources available in the community.

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

The CALL service provides a quick assessment and rapid response to ensure residents in need are connected with Alpert JFS services or other community resources to identify and locate mental health counseling and/or psychiatry, food assistance, waiting lists for affordable housing, specialized care for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, e.g, or help with various emergency situations.

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

The AJFS CALL Service serves all demographics, including but not limited to all socio-economic populations: children, adults, seniors, Holocaust survivors, all religious affiliations, persons with disabilities, and, in many cases, working families with constraints of limited household income and personal assets. Anticipated impact through the CALL Service in AJFS' catchment area is 8,000 individuals.

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

The CALL Service will rapidly connect people in emergency situations with needed community resources. Approximately 90% of callers receive call-backs with referrals within 24-48 hours. By addressing the caller's emergency need(s), depression, anxiety etc. are alleviated via rapid response and a workable, solution-oriented action plan crafted with the caller. The mental health of household members is improved immediately with increased access to a wide network of community resources. Alpert JFS maintains a comprehensive Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) program to evaluate success and continually improve outcomes. The PQI Director writes quarterly PQI Reports to summarize response time to CALL clients, number of referrals to in-house services, and number of referrals to community partners. Progress of clients receiving in-house counseling is monitored via Welligent EHR.

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 without notification of good reasoning will result in financial penalties as described in contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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



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- Yes, Received
- No
- 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



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Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

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.