



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1305

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Integration of peer support services enhance the long-term recoveries of individuals receiving professional care for substance use disorders. This is necessary not just to assist in initiating and maintaining recovery, but also to enhance the quality of personal and family life, and to reduce recidivism and the societal costs associated with addiction. It will also aid in a paradigm shift towards a more Recovery-oriented System of Care (ROSC). This shift will meet the workforce where it's at.

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	490,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	490,000

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)	490,000	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	490,000	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		

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.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	A local peer support initiative to increase the number of certified peer support specialists providing peer-based care at licensed substance use disorder (SUD) providers.	490,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		490,000

13. Program Performance

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

Integration of peer support services enhance the long-term recoveries of individuals receiving professional care for substance use disorders. This is necessary not just to assist in initiating and maintaining recovery, but also to enhance the quality of personal and family life, and to reduce recidivism and the societal costs associated with addiction. It will also aid in a paradigm shift towards a more Recovery-oriented System of Care (ROSC). This shift will meet the workforce where it's at.

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



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Peer support to assist in initiating and maintaining recovery.

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

Peer support to assist in initiating and maintaining recovery. The MHS/Peer position not only works with the clients experiencing the opioid epidemic but also addresses all incoming referrals for individuals with other substance use disorder issues. Peers provides supportive interventions to addicted individuals live or over the phone, as well as crisis intervention for the addicted individual and their families.

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

The target population to be served includes persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless persons, drug users, current or former incarcerated persons, drug offenders, and victims of crime. This population numbers several hundred individuals.

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

Integration of peer support services enhance the long-term recoveries of individuals receiving professional care for substance use disorders. The benefit of this project is to provide residents, who are in recovery, with consistent and immediate support to navigate through the continuum of care to support and sustain their recovery. The project will also aid residents in acquiring customized linkages and education to enhance the recovery process and complements the involvement of the treatment team. The program will utilize a formative and summative evaluation process to identify the number of clients who received the appropriate linkages by the peer specialist outlined in their care plan and obtain feedback from residents during and post discharge to be able to modify programming to better meet the needs of the residents.

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?

Notification with opportunity to cure.

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
- 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:



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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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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