



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1754

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Jewish Family Services (JFS) Affordable Mental Health Access program, a collaborative effort between two established agencies, aims to provide essential, affordable access to behavioral health services to uninsured and under-insured individuals in Palm Beach County. The program partners with local and national universities, including Florida Atlantic and Nova Southeastern, to train the next generation of mental health care providers through internships, residencies and professional development bridging the critical gap in access to mental health supports.

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	1,075,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,075,000

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)	1,075,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	270,000	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,345,000	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	1,075,000	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.

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	Salaries and benefits of psychiatrists, APRNs, psychologists, therapists, intake counselors, medical billing specialists who will provide direct behavioral health services and clinical support services to include medical assistants, quality assurance, etc.	1,075,000
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)		1,075,000

13. Program Performance

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

Florida is facing a psychiatrist shortage. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation data on Mental Health Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), only 21% of psychiatric care need is being met in Florida. Funding for this program will hire professionals to provide mental health services to those most in need, and on a sliding scale for those who qualify. Clients will receive psychiatric and behavioral health services including: initial evaluations and intake, medication management, and counseling services.

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



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

Behavioral healthcare including counseling and psychiatric services will be provided to those in need, on a sliding scale for those who qualify. All services will include medical intake process and clinical support services.

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

Approximately 700 uninsured, or underinsured individuals will be served. Target population will include: elderly, individuals with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, adults, and or/ grade school, high school and university students.

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

80% of Clients who complete pre/post treatment evaluations will demonstrate an improvement in behavioral health. Approximately 700 clients will be served . Methodology: Number of clients, hours of services, and individual client goals will be tracked and monitored. Pre- and post-treatment evaluations will be administered at assessment, at regular intervals (either every 90 days or 6 months depending on required test), and at planned discharge. Tests will include PHQ9, GAD, CFARS/FARS, or CGAS, depending on client need.

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?

Penalties for not meeting contracted deliverables may warrant decreased funding.

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
- 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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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