



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1755

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This funding enables Alpert Jewish Family Service (JFS) to address behavioral health needs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities in partnership with Gulfstream Goodwill and The Arc of Palm Beach County. Clients of Gulfstream Goodwill's Adult Day Treatment Program, Career Academy and at The Arc of Palm Beach County will receive Alpert JFS evaluations and referrals (as needed) to counseling and psychiatric services.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating | 375,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 375,000 |

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) | 375,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 375,000 | 50% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 750,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2024-25 | 0 | 375,000 | 377 | No |

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Funds would be 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, tracking and reporting. | 56,250 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | One (1) Alpert JFS Program Director (LCSW, LCADC, CCS) for oversight and support of the Alpert JFS Therapists for The Arc of Palm Beach County, Gulfstream Goodwill (2 locations). One (1) Alpert JFS Licensed Psychologist to conduct and oversee evaluations. (Psy.D.) Two (2) Therapists for Alpert JFS to work with clients of The Arc of Palm Beach County and Gulf Stream Goodwill (MSW, BSW; MSW, RCSWI, MS) | 285,813 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Travel to/from: (1) Gulfstream Goodwill, Fort Pierce, FL (114 miles round-trip, twice weekly); (2) Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy, West Palm Beach, FL (3.4 miles round-trip, weekly); (3) The Arc of Palm Beach County, Riviera Beach (6.6 miles, twice weekly). Evaluation test supplies for 100 clients; screenings of direct providers for insurance purposes; printing supplies. | 30,537 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Software license fee: Welligent EHR (programmatic use). | 2,400 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 375,000 |

13. Program Performance



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

This funding will enable Alpert JFS to address behavioral health needs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities in partnership with Gulfstream Goodwill and The Arc of Palm Beach County. Clients of Gulfstream Goodwill's Adult Day Treatment Program, Career Academy and at The Arc of Palm Beach County will receive Alpert JFS evaluations and referrals (as needed) to counseling and psychiatric services.

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

Two licensed therapists employed by Alpert JFS will provide mental health services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities at The Arc of Palm Beach County Adult Day Program as well as adults at Gulfstream Goodwill's Capabilities day program in Fort Pierce, FL and high school students at the Career Academy in West Palm Beach, FL.

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

The Arc of Palm Beach County and Gulfstream Goodwill serve individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). Alpert JFS will provide individual psychotherapy & behavioral support services, as well as psychological testing services to their ID/DD clients.

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

The target population is individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) who are also experiencing mental health conditions such as major depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, psychotic disorders, impulse disorders and other behavioral health diagnoses. Approximately 100 clients will be evaluated.

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

The expected benefit of this project is that the behavioral health needs of 100 individuals with disabilities will be addressed. Clients will be evaluated by credentialed providers of our behavioral health services and referred to counseling as needed. The Reiss Screen for Maladaptive Behavior and IQ testing are primary (but not sole) evaluative tools. At least 50% of clients will show a 20% improvement in functioning. When mental health needs of the DD/ID with mental illness population are appropriately met, it is likely that improvement in level of functioning will follow. To measure this, findings from Alpert JFS evaluative tools such as the Reiss Screen, IQ and more are utilized along with Alpert's Performance Quality Improvement protocols.

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.