



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2001

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Phoenix Programs of Florida (aka Phoenix House Florida) is expanding its capacity to address addiction and behavioral health needs by establishing a new 85-bed residential treatment facility in Hillsborough County, adjacent to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Orient Road Jail. This project emphasizes step-down treatment as an alternative to traditional incarceration, in partnership with the Hillsborough County government. The county has already invested \$5 million in renovating the facility, and operations will be sustained through a contract with the county. The center will offer comprehensive, integrated programming, including trauma-informed care, medication management, and robust case management to support reintegration. With only physical equipment needed to complete the project, this initiative will provide life-saving care to those in need, reducing incarceration rates and supporting recovery outcomes.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	83%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No Yes

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?** No Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medical Equipment, and equipment and furnishings for Waiting Rooms, Kitchen/Cafeteria, Group Rooms, Computer Learning, Security, Laundry, Janitorial, Classroom, Offices, Dorm Furniture, Staff Break Rooms, Phones & Service, Search Rooms, Gym, and ITA Server Equipment	1,000,000
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)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will be used to purchase essential equipment, appliances, and furnishings for a new 85-bed residential substance-use treatment facility, including necessary medical equipment, dorm furniture, kitchen and cafeteria appliances, IT and security systems, gym and recreational equipment, and classroom and office furnishings. This facility will serve justice-involved individuals referred as a court-ordered alternative to incarceration or step-down from traditional incarceration, in cooperation with the Hillsborough County government. Hillsborough County has already invested nearly \$5 million to renovate a facility near the jail for this purpose, and with the requested funds, Phoenix House Florida could be operational by the end of 2024. We are the only organization in the region qualified to carry out this program, and the county is ready to move forward as soon as we procure the necessary funds and equipment.

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

This facility will provide access to timely integrated primary and behavioral health care for individuals struggling with mental illness and SUD treatment. The designed length of stay will be 60-120 days. The facility will offer programming seven days a week utilizing a variety of different resources and therapeutic interventions treating the whole patient with a continuum of services, including care for co-occurring behavioral health issues in collaboration with community partners. The programming will also utilize a robust case management element to promote reintegration and functionality within the community. The purchased equipment, including medical equipment, dorm furniture, kitchen and cafeteria supplies, IT and security systems, gym and recreational equipment, and classroom and office furnishings, will directly support and enhance the delivery of these services, ensuring a safe and effective treatment environment.

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

The facility will provide a continuum of care for justice-involved citizens with substance use disorder, including trauma-informed therapy, medication management, group counseling, individual therapy, case management, and educational programs. Additional services include life skills training, employment readiness, housing support, access to a computer learning center, gym, and recreational activities. These services will be offered as an alternative to incarceration, a method which has been proven to reduce recidivism rates and promote prosocial outcomes among justice-involved individuals following release when compared to traditional incarceration.

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

The target population consists of justice-involved individuals referred as part of a court-ordered alternative to incarceration or as a step-down from traditional incarceration. The facility is expected to serve approximately 340 individuals annually for decades to come, providing critical services to those with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders.

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

The project is expected to serve approximately 340 justice-involved individuals annually, based on three-month stays in the 85-bed facility. Through holistic treatment and robust case management, the program aims to reduce recidivism by addressing the underlying causes of addiction, including co-occurring mental health disorders. Upon completion of the program, individuals will leave with employment opportunities and housing options that support reintegration and functionality within the community. Outcomes will be measured through metrics such as treatment completion rates, reductions in recidivism, and improvements in employment and housing stability post-treatment. Data will be tracked and reported in collaboration with Hillsborough County.

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?

Return of funds.

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)



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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:

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)



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- 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

d. Phone Number

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