



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2545

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In the last 4 years, St. Johns County has seen a 10% reduction in recidivism. This is in part due to our robust Re-Entry program that focuses efforts on pro-active outreach, collaboration, and program development to discourage re-offending or offending. The Co-Responder program portion of this request is to further enhance our efforts with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis which ultimately assists in preventing unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of individuals in need.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	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	software programming \$49,000 to integrate co-responder and re-entry systems and tracking for case management	49,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	program supplies, laptops, supportive housing, transportation needs, and incidentals for program participants	251,000
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)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal is two-fold. First, we intend to further reduce recidivism by providing health services, job placement, and technical education to those who are incarcerated. Also, we intend to utilize the funds for start-up costs for an expansion of the co-responder program to connect those suffering from a mental health crisis to needed resources immediately and divert them from becoming incarcerated, Baker Acted or accessing emergency rooms.

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

Specific services tailored to each individual's needs will be provided. Whether it be mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, and/or employment placement, those in need will receive wrap-around services.



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

The co-responder program will provide crisis intervention and counseling services to calls for service with a nexus to mental health or substance abuse. Specifically, when law enforcement responds to behavioral-related calls for service, citizens will be assessed and connected to services. The re-entry program will provide incarcerated, at-risk, and recently released individuals with job placement, education, and mental health and substance abuse wrap-around services so they will be less likely to commit or re-commit crimes.

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

The target population is multi-tiered. One, we are serving individuals who are in immediate crisis. Two, we are serving those who desire to break the cycle of recidivism or who are at risk of offending. These populations often overlap and we believe coordination of "pre-entry" and re-entry services is efficient and preventative.

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

This project will continue to increase the quality of life for those suffering from mental health and substance abuse conditions, decrease calls for service, increase the labor force, and save taxpayers dollars in the long run. Data will be tracked by calls for service and through data of those incarcerated who subsequently choose to participate in the re-entry programs and recidivism data will continue to be collected. The goal is to connect a minimum of 10 people per month to services and track their subsequent contacts with the criminal justice system.

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?

Should we fail to meet the deliverables or performance measures, we will pay back the funds.

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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