



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2785

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Mental Health treatment and crisis intervention is provided to those at-risk of suicide and/or significant emotional distress. A dedicated team of trauma-informed counselors address safety needs and ensure life-saving resources are accessible to persons served. Clinical approaches utilize best practices and involve integration of supports for improved quality of life and self-sufficiency. Crisis and suicide prevention counseling is available 24/7/365. Person-centered mental health counseling services empowers individuals and families to achieve their goals. Achievements will be demonstrated by the number of crises averted and improvement in functioning.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,233,930	46%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,189,912	45%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,823,842	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.

Dollars raised from private citizens and other charitable organizations.



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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	Executive and Director level positions that will provide oversight and guidance to the program.	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative support for programs.	35,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will help support conference related travel, trainings, & office supplies.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Funding will support counselor positions conducting Information & Referral, Intake/Assessment, Crisis Counseling, Care Coordination, and Mental Health related counseling and parenting services. Funding will support quality assurance and compliance efforts to ensure compliance and metrics are reflective of services rendered and impact.	325,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses (utilities, supplies, office space)	15,000
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)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funding will help individuals and families experiencing suicidal, homicidal, and unsafe ideation and behaviors with crisis counseling and deescalation techniques to ensure safety and stability. Prevention, psycho-education, and mental health counseling addresses symptoms associated with difficulties such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and conduct disorders. Approaching individuals in crisis will stabilize immediate threats and save lives. Mental Health counseling services will enable individuals to develop coping strategies, achieve emotional stability, and regain healthy functioning in their lives and community at large.

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

Professional social services and clinical staff are trained to deliver counseling services to children, adolescents, adults, elders, and families in trauma-informed care and evidence based practices to address crisis and mental health difficulties. Crisis counseling will be available 24/7/365 and addresses immediate threats to ensure safety and stability. Care coordination ensures individuals are assessed and referred to appropriate levels of care and follow up is conducted. Mental health counseling services are available in person and via tele-mental health in effort to provide individuals access to services.

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

Direct services provided to citizens includes 24/7/365 access to a suicide prevention crisis counselors trained to deescalate the situation and take action to ensure safety and stability. Care coordination protocols also assess the severity of a crisis, determining the appropriate level of care, and coordinating with first responders, emergency services, or mental health professionals. Individual and family counseling will be provided by licensed and license eligible clinicians trained in evidence-based, trauma-informed, person-centered techniques and are available to meet with persons served in-person and via tele-mental health platforms to ensure accessibility for services.

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

The target population includes: elderly persons, persons with poor mental health and/ or poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, substance abusers, preschool and grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal Justice), and victims of crime. Approximately, 75,000 calls will be answered, assessed and referred for resources and mental health and substance use services. The clinical department will serve 500 adults, children and families in need through individual, family, couples, and group therapy.

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

This project aims to reduce rates of suicide, enhance mental health access, decrease reliance on emergency services, reduce unsafe and unhealthy behaviors, and improve quality of life and self-sufficiency of persons served. It will improve individual stability and well-being through culturally-competent, trauma-informed counseling and coordination of care. Outcomes will be tracked by monitoring call volume, response effectiveness, client referrals, and improvements in daily functioning. Metrics include the number of diverted emergency responses, engagement in follow-up services, improvement in functioning, and quality of life measures, all of which can be calculated to demonstrate cost avoidance and return on investment.

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?

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply and shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan.

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)



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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:

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



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- 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

d. Phone Number

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