

# The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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1.	Project Title	Westchester Fre	e Standing Emerç	gency Department - Ph	ase 2							
2.	Senate Sponsor	Bryan Avila										
3.	Date of Request	2/17/2025										
4.	4. Project/Program Description											
	The larger project involves the construction of a 4-story, 110,000 sq. ft. building featuring 26 ER bays, including fast-track vertical patient areas, isolation rooms, a person-of-size room, a resuscitation room, and a flexible/hardened treatment room with a designated restroom. A key goal is to provide an underserved community with access to a comprehensive network of essential mental health services. The Medical Center's expert clinical team includes board-certified psychiatrists, psychologists, physician extenders, and licensed counselors, therapists, and social workers. This interdisciplinary team will deliver a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, tailored to meet the unique needs of each patient.											
5.	State Agency to rece	eive requested fu	n <b>ds</b> Departr	ment of Health								
	State Agency contact	ted? No	<u> </u>									
6.	Amount of the Nonre	curring Request	for Fiscal Year 2	025-2026								
	Type of Funding			Amo	unt							
	Operating											
	Fixed Capital Outlay											
	Total State Funds Requested			3,000,000								
7.	Total Project Cost for	r Fiscal Year 202	5-2026 (includinç	g matching funds ava	ilable for this proje	ect)						
	Type of Funding			Amount	Percentage							
	Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)			3,000,000	100%							
	Matching Funds											
	Federal			0	0%							
	State (excluding the amount of this request)  Local			0	0%							
				0	0%							
	Other			0	0%							
	<b>Total Project Costs f</b>	or Fiscal Year 20	25-2026	3,000,000	100%							
8.	Has this project prev If yes, provide the m	-	_	Yes								
	Fiscal Year (уууу-уу)	Amo Recurring	unt Nonrecurring	Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed							
	2024-25	0	1,500,00	00	No							
9.	Is future-year funding			No								
	b. Describe the source	ce of funding tha	t can be used in	lieu of state funding.								



10. Status of Construction

Planning

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Design

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

**Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:** 

Construction/Renovation/Land/

Planning Engineering

13. Program Performance

needs.

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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N/A

Yes

02/05/2025

01/31/2026

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3,000,000

3,000,000

### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

Construction

e. What funding stream will be us	sed for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?					
combination of Medicaid, private in	ntenance of the project will likely be funded through a nsurance, and self-pay options for patients. Additionally, funding pic donations, and institutional revenue generated by the n services.					
11. List the owners of the facility to relationship between the owner	o receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Indees of the facility and the entity.	clude the				
Mount Sinai Medical Center of Fl	orida, Inc owners of facility and entity.					
12. Details on how the requested sta	ate funds will be expended  Description	Amount				
Administrative Costs:	<b>Doddingtion</b>	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits						
Other Salary and Benefits						
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		(				
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study						
<b>Operational Costs</b>	Operational Costs					
Salary and Benefits						
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other						
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		,				

The goal of this project is to provide an underserved community with access to essential mental health services through our network of expert clinicians, including board-certified psychiatrists, psychologists, physician extenders, and licensed counselors. The interdisciplinary team will deliver comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care tailored to individual

Construction: \$3M

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

Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from guestion #6)



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

Mount Sinai Medical Center, one of only 12 Baker Act receiving facilities in Miami-Dade County, is dedicated to providing comprehensive behavioral health care. This project will expand access to our extensive services, including inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care, emergency intervention, and ongoing mental health support, to meet the needs of the underserved community.

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

The project will provide access to a wide range of mental health services, including inpatient psychiatric care for adults and geriatrics, outpatient psychiatry, Autism Clinic, Adolescent Psychiatric Services, Electro-convulsive Therapy, Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) both in-person and virtually, traditional individual, family, and group psychotherapy, and Long-Acting Injectable Clinic services.

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

The target population for this project includes elderly individuals, people with poor mental health, unemployed and economically disadvantaged individuals, the homeless, victims of crime, and anyone in need of emergency or ongoing behavioral health services. We expect to serve a diverse group of individuals facing these challenges, providing them with the care and support they need.

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

Benefit: The expected benefit is to expand access to essential behavioral health services in an underserved area, ensuring more individuals can receive the care they need.

Method: The outcome will be measured by tracking the increase in inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services provided. Additionally, continuity of care will be assessed by monitoring patient retention rates and the consistency of mental health services across the system, ensuring seamless care for patients.

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?

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables may include a reduction in funding, withheld payments or a requirement to submit a corrective action plan.

IE	equirement to submit a corrective action plan.
4. Is	this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No
a. If	f 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 infastructure)
b. N	Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):
5. Ha	as the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?
	Yes, Applied
	Yes, Received
	No
П	No. but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide th	e FEMA project worksheet ID#:
b. Provide the total	project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:
6. Has the entity app	lied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?
☐ Yes, Applied	
☐ Yes, Received	
□ No	
☐ No, but intends to	o apply
a. If yes, specify the Commerce):	e program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Departme
Florida Departmen Entities	t of Health (FDOH) - Grant and Aids to Local Government and Non-State
7. Requester Contact	Information
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. Recipient Contact	Information
a. Organization	Mount Sinai Medical Center of Florida, Inc.
b. Municipality and	d County Miami-Dade
c. Organization Ty	ре
□For Profit Entity	
☑Non Profit 501(c	:)(3)
□Non Profit 501(c	:)(4)
□Local Entity	
□University or Co	llege
□Other (please sp	pecify)
d. First Name	Angel Last Name Pallin
e. E-mail Address	



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