



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2865

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Recovery Community Centers (RCC) are innovating and delivering a variety of peer recovery support services, building a lasting physical presence in communities. Recovery coaching, telephone recovery support services, all-recovery meetings, and other services are being organized and delivered by trained volunteers and/or paid staff. A growing network of recovery community centers are home to these services as well as a place for community-wide sober social activities, workshops, meetings, and resource connections. This center will link individuals to resources that support their successful community-based recovery. The goal is to unite community partners in one place to reduce the negative effects of untreated mental health and substance use disorder in adults and children. The building will help fill the gap in services, which has been recognized by the WellFlorida Community Health Assessment, as the greatest unmet need in Hernando County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	81%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	475,000	19%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,475,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No
- 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
- 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

NAMI Hernando has been awarded Opioid Abatement funds through Lutheran Services for ongoing operations of the Recovery Community Center.

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.

NAMI Hernando will be the owner of the facility.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hernando County BOCC has donated land and has agreed to do all the site work and engineering for the property and provide a 6,000 sq ft. pad ready site for the building. Construction costs to include but not limited to designing, planning, engineering, building materials, labor, appliances, furniture and fixtures.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The building will be an expansion of our Recovery Community Center (RCC) where Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS) will work with individuals and family members of those whose lives have been impacted by mental health or substance misuse disorders. The goal is to reduce the negative long term effects by connecting individuals to services, and being the safety net to keep people from falling through the cracks of our fragile behavioral health system.

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

Individual mentoring, support groups, education classes, community awareness training, workforce development, housing assistance, resource and referral services for individuals and family members of adults and youth living with mental illness and substance misuse disorders. In addition, an internships program for those interested in becoming State Certified Recovery Peer Specialists.

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

Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS) will work with individuals to establish self-sufficiency goals. Other community partners will have office space to bring housing, employment and other much needed support services to participants all under one roof.

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

The target population is 40% of Hernando County residents living with mental illness and substance misuse disorders approximately 72,000 residents plus their family members. We currently impact about 4,000 people each year and plan to double that with the expansion of services.

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

Improve mental health, improve quality education, improve transportation conditions, increase economic activity, enhance specific individual's self sufficiency, reduce recidivism, reduce substance misuse and criminal/juvenile justice diversion. These outcomes will be measured through quarterly assessments.

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?

NAMI Hernando will reimburse the State for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures.

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#:



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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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.