



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2936

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

AOR's comprehensive program empowers individuals recovering from opioid use disorder by addressing OUD from a biological, psychological and social focus. Over 18 months, participants receive holistic rehabilitation services, medical and mental health services, non-opioid pain management activities, and workforce development training. AOR's goal is to build resiliency and independence, providing tools for sustainable recovery, meaningful employment, and keeping families together. The project will include the updating and buildout of a 25 bed acute care facility in Gadsden County.

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	3,300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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.

State and/or Federal grants

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 11/11/2025

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

Will utilize funds from reimbursable wraparound services.

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.

HCA Capital Regional Hospital and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners. Currently lease primary care building from Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director of the AOR program will lead a transformative initiative supporting individuals recovering from opioid use disorder. This role oversees program strategy, operations, and partnerships to deliver holistic services, including counseling, medical support, wellness programs, and workforce development. The Executive Director will drive impact by fostering a	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The AOR program requires additional funding to cover critical costs, including medical equipment essential for providing specialized care to participants throughout their recovery journey. Additionally, travel expenses are necessary to support the program's expansion across multiple counties, ensuring staff can deliver services, conduct home monitoring, and provide consistent support.	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Critical care staff, 24/7 care model, and additional ancillary staff includes home monitoring specialists to support safety and compliance. Highly skilled medical professionals provide continuous healthcare and specialized recovery services, and wellness facilitators to oversee mental and physical health initiatives. These roles are critical to delivering personalized care.	2,400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The AOR program requires contracted services to enhance participant recovery and success. Partnerships with yoga facilities provide pain management and stress relief through specialized programs. Workforce trainers deliver tailored skills training, including resume writing and business preparation, while content developers create effective training materials to support workforce development.	400,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Updating and buildout of a 25-bed acute care facility in Gadsden County.	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The AOR program addresses Florida's opioid crisis, where over 7,000 opioid-related deaths occurred in 2022. Florida ranks among the highest for opioid prescriptions and overdoses, with an economic impact of \$6–\$8 billion annually. OUD disproportionately affects the younger population, threatening the state's future workforce, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive recovery solutions.

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

AOR will increase access to care, expand staff capacity, train personnel in evidence-based practices, and enhance facilities to provide 24/7 care. Activities include securing medical equipment, developing a tailored intake process, forming partnerships for workforce training, and implementing a robust care management system to ensure seamless delivery of wrap-around services.

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

AOR wrap-around services include rehabilitation and counseling to address the root cause of OUD, medical support for recovery oversight, and a yoga program for mental and physical wellness and pain management. Workforce development workshops provide skills like resume writing, interview prep, and business licensing to ensure meaningful employment and reduce relapse and recidivism.

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

The target population is elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, drug users, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal justice), veterans. We expect to serve over 800 persons annually

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

AOR will improve participants' mental health through a combination of counseling and therapeutic practices that focus on emotional healing, stress reduction, mindfulness, and self-awareness. The program will measure mental health improvements through standardized psychological assessments, self-reported surveys, and behavioral observations. Measures: Standardized Psychological Assessments (PHQ-9, GAD-7)
 Methods: Surveys, observation
 Expected Outcome: A decrease in depression and anxiety scores. A reduction in reported symptoms will demonstrate the program's ability to support emotional healing, and positively impact the underlying causes of OUD. Also, AOR will help reduce substance abuse in Florida by providing OUD patients with a comprehensive, holistic support system designed to address the root causes of addiction, prevent relapse, and promote long-term recovery. Goal: Reduce substance relapse rates among program participants and monitor participants.

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 unused 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.