



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3130

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To provide substance use treatment services specifically dedicated to homeless Veterans who are not currently receiving VA benefits. These services aim to address the critical needs of Veterans experiencing homelessness and chronic homelessness, as well as those who are legally involved and financially disadvantaged, who otherwise cannot afford substance use treatment. We strive to enhance the quality of life for these Veterans and support their journey toward becoming productive and contributing members of Florida's communities, all while returning a cost avoidance of over \$800,000 YTD or over 7,000 bed days by diversion of individuals from jails and institutions into substance use residential programming with this state investment. Our mission is to ensure no Veteran is left behind due to financial or systemic barriers, reinforcing our commitment to those who have served our country.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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	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	400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	400,000	602	No

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)?

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	9% administrative fee to pay a percentage for the administration salaries and operations, Admissions team, HR, financial team and Executive Leadership that work specifically on this contract, with employees, billing/invoicing and contract management and compliance.	36,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	\$244,500 to support a substance use treatment program. \$182,500 - total salaries: direct care staff (4 FTEs, \$280,000 total salaries, \$70,000 allocated), counselors (3 FTEs, \$210,000 total salaries, \$52,000 allocated) clinical director (1 FTE, \$100,000 total salary, \$25,000 allocated), operations director (1 FTE, \$90,000 total salary, \$22,500 allocated), and kitchen manager (1 FTE, \$50,000 total salary, \$12,500 allocated). \$73,000 allocated for payroll taxes, calculated at 10% of total salaries	244,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	We request funding to cover essential operating costs for a residential program, including food for client meals, office space, supplies, equipment, utilities (phone, internet, waste disposal, electricity), staff training (Relias, CPR/First Aid), electronic health records, security, pest control, gas, group materials, and a 60-day supply of psychiatric medication, if applicable.	107,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Medical Director	12,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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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?

The funds requested will be used to operate a comprehensive residential treatment program designed to address substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health challenges among homeless and chronically homeless Veterans, as well as other indigent individuals in the community. The program aims to provide a safe and structured environment where clients can access evidence-based clinical treatment, counseling, case management, and life skills development. The ultimate goal is to help clients achieve long-term recovery, secure stable housing, gain employment or education opportunities, and reintegrate successfully into the community. For Veterans, the program also seeks to connect those without benefits to VA services, facilitate their transition to VA-funded programs, and provide tailored support for those not eligible for VA benefits.

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

The requested funds will support a therapeutic community providing comprehensive services to address substance use and promote recovery. Key activities include:
 Clinical Services: Evidence-based treatment and therapeutic interventions for substance use.
 Counseling: Individual, group, and family sessions to build emotional stability, peer support, and family relationships.
 Case Management: Coordinated care connecting clients to essential resources like housing and healthcare.
 Education and Employment: Support for returning to school, job readiness training, and workforce integration.
 Community Reintegration: Workshops and peer groups to ease the transition back into the community and foster independence.
 These services aim to equip individuals with tools for lasting recovery and community reintegration.

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

The requested funds will support a residential Level IV treatment program providing comprehensive, client-centered care in a structured and supportive environment. Services include evidence-based clinical treatment for substance use, individual and group counseling, and family counseling to rebuild relationships. Clients will receive case management to access resources like healthcare, housing, and aftercare planning, as well as education and job readiness support to promote community reintegration. Life skills workshops and three nutritious meals a day will further support overall well-being and recovery. This holistic approach ensures clients are equipped for long-term success.

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

Veterans are the primary target population for this residential treatment program, with a strong focus on homeless and chronically homeless veterans in the community. The program prioritizes veterans without benefits, providing them with the necessary support to establish connections with the VA and facilitating their transfer to a VA-funded program once they are eligible. For veterans who are not eligible for VA benefits, the program offers tailored services to address their unique needs. In addition to veterans, the program also serves other indigent and homeless individuals in the community, particularly those facing substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and barriers to education, employment, and housing. The goal is to provide a comprehensive, supportive environment to help all participants achieve stability and long-term success in their recovery journey.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to help homeless and chronically homeless veterans, along with other indigent individuals, overcome substance use disorders, improve mental health, and reintegrate into the community. The program aims to reduce homelessness, enhance self-sufficiency, and increase access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. Outcomes will be measured by tracking the number of individuals who transition to stable housing, using case management and housing data. Substance use recovery will be assessed with standardized tools, while mental health improvements will be measured through the PHQ-9 and GAD-7. Employment and education outcomes will be monitored through case management records. For veterans, VA enrollment and transfers to VA-funded programs will be tracked. Client satisfaction and retention will be assessed through surveys, and follow-up assessments will be conducted at 3, 6, and 12 months to evaluate long-term impact.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Non-compliance of funding description would result in termination of funds and potential of paying back any disbursed funds, if services and performance measures are not met.

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:

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



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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

d. Phone Number

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