



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3317

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

WestCare's initiative at the Davis-Bradley Community Involvement Center seeks to seamlessly integrate mental health (MH) services into the existing residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs. These services are designed for individuals involved with the criminal justice system. Given that over 85% of our participants face both MH and SUD issues (known as co-occurring disorders or COD), this inclusion is critical to their recovery. Our existing agreement with the FL Dept. of Corrections focuses solely on SUD treatment and does not include provisions for MH funding, so we aim to secure the necessary funds to offer integrated behavioral health assistance to high-risk adults in the judicial system grappling with concurrent substance use and mental health challenges.

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	577,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	577,500

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)	577,500	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	577,500	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	550,000	PR532118	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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	A portion of administrative functions: contracts management, sustainability, fund development, communications and marketing, finance management, human resources, compliance, risk management, evaluation, quality improvement, facilities management, staff and program development, safety and information systems, and procurement. WestCare GulfCoast-Florida's federally approved indirect rate is 24%.	111,774
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	(A) Psychiatric ARNP (1.0 FTE) (100% requested) provides direct mental health services to participants under supervision of a physician (B) Case Manager (3 FTE) (100% requested) coordinates care and ensures individualized needs of persons served are met. (C) Mental Health Counselor (1 FTE) (100% requested) provides treatment/counseling services to participants with co-occurring MH/SUD disorders.	455,457
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Staff recruitment and on-boarding.	189
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Physician/Medical Director (4 hours per week) to supervise all mental health overlay services and the Psychiatric ARNP.	10,080
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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13. Program Performance

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

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

Services will include: integrated assessment, tailored treatment plans, joint case management & recovery support services (RSS), personal/group therapy for co-occurring disorders (COD), specialized COD training & support groups, medication oversight, spiritual wellness lessons, peer aid, and family engagement groups.

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

Requested funding will integrate mental health (MH) services into the current residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs provided by WestCare at the Davis-Bradley Community Involvement Center, providing essential integrated behavioral health services for high-need/risk adults in the justice system receiving treatment for co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

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

It is estimated that between 101-200 individuals will benefit from our services. This diverse group encompasses people from all genders, adult age groups, racial and cultural backgrounds, socio-economic standings, and various educational and employment histories. Specifically, our program aims to assist individuals with co-occurring behavioral health disorders (COD), which means they have two or more concurrent conditions. Among these are individuals struggling with mental health challenges, those without employment, economically disadvantaged individuals, elderly persons, at-risk youth, victims of crime, drug users seeking health services, individuals who are currently or have been incarcerated in the past, and those involved as drug offenders within the criminal justice system.

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

The program aims to bring about multiple positive outcomes for its participants. We anticipate that at least 80% of participants will show marked improvements in psychiatric symptoms and overall mental functioning. Furthermore, our goal is to bolster the economic self-sufficiency of participants and demonstrate a 50% increase in employment rates among those with co-occurring behavioral health disorders (COD) during their time in the program. Another significant objective is to decrease recidivism rates among participants during the program and for six months after their discharge. Additionally, we aspire for at least 85% of our participants to remain drug-free and not relapse during their treatment. To gauge the effectiveness of these interventions, we will rely on program data, documenting individual participant progress as recorded by our dedicated staff.

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?

Mandatory corrective action and performance improvement activities. Without improvement, return of 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)



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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

For Profit Entity



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- 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.