



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2688

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

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will be used to renovate a facility built in 1969 to provide therapeutic group home care to children with serious mental illness who are in the child welfare system or at risk of entering the child welfare system. The 16,000 square feet property was purchased by ACTS from DCF in 1988. The funds will be used to replace the following systems: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, lighting, sprinklers and security surveillance. Restrooms, kitchen, dining, flooring, ceiling and interior painting will be upgraded.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	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 2024-2025	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2024

12. 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.

Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. is the owner of the facility and the entity requesting the fixed capital outlay funding.

13. 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: Other		
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	Architecture and Engineering Firm to design and plan the remodel; Construction Company to provide General Contractor, Site Manager, permitting, crew to furnish labor, materials, tools, equipment and supervision necessary to complete remodel.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. 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?

The ACTS Therapeutic Group Home will be licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration and funded by Department Children and Families. The adolescents served present with emotional and behavioral issues that require intensive supervision in a highly structured and therapeutic environment. The families require respite and tools to support reunification. The program provides treatment services in an environment that allows youth to experience improved mental health, positive family and community activities and opportunities to develop into mature, responsible and productive adults. The dependent youth will have many opportunities to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities. Additionally, the program will focus on development of independent living and vocational skills for the older youth as they are discharged from the child welfare system.

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

The Therapeutic Group Home will provide the following services to the at risk youth and their families: primary care, psychiatric care, clinical individual, family and group therapy sessions, care coordination, educational support, independent living skills, vocational development, social and community engagement skills and age appropriate recreational opportunities. The program will create 16 new job opportunities for Hillsborough County residents including a medical doctor, psychiatrist, program director, program supervisor, clinical therapist and eleven behavior health technicians.

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

Adolescents, aged 12-17 years old, with a mental health disorders who are in the child welfare system or who are at risk for entering the child welfare system. The program will support 12 adolescents at a time for an average of 90 days. The program is estimated to serve 50 individuals per year.

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

Expected benefits include improved mental health outcomes, physical health outcomes, and skill development, which will foster enhanced educational advancement and economic self-sufficiency for youth and families. Individuals with substance use disorders will be taught abstinence and harm reductions strategies. The program will support individual and family reunification. Additionally, improved outcomes will support public safety efforts with strategies for diversion from the justice system and reduction of recidivism. The program will measure reduction of emergency room and crisis unit utilization, improvement in school attendance and grades, completion of any court related sanctions, reduction of juvenile justice involvement, and reunification or completion of permanency plans.

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 the contract?

Any unused funds will be returned to the State.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number