



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3207

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Funding education programs and academic resources for students in mental health treatment programs is not just an investment in education; it is an investment in the overall well-being and trajectory of success for each child and society. Devereux is committed to expansion of the education program in children's mental health treatment programs. A one-time funding request of \$750,000 will provide the resources to complete the project as designed. The purpose of this project is to enhance the educational environment at the Devereux Florida Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program, to ensure children with significant emotional and behavioral disorders are provided with a classroom experience that is safe, and supportive of academic and therapeutic progress. The goal is construction of an education building dedicated to instructional activities, ensuring the safety and well-being of Florida's most vulnerable youth.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	550,000	42%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,300,000	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.**



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

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

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Florida has received \$369,131 in CARES Act Funding to offset staff dedication and retention incentives, support for sign-on incentives to on-board direct service providers to ensure appropriate staffing ratios throughout the pandemic, and COVID-19 expenses related to the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). These funds did not directly impact this project.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

This property is owned and operated by the Devereux Foundation, Inc. (dba Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health.)

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	Site Work: demolition and removal, materials and supplies, construction, permitting, and furnishings	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

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?

Construction and furnishing of an education building dedicated to instructional activities for children and adolescents (grades k-12) to include three classrooms, two restrooms, a multi-purpose room for learning and enrichment programs.

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

Funding for this project will ensure vulnerable youth from all areas of the state participating in a residential treatment program to address significant mental health needs are provided a safe environment for education services to be provided on-site, ensuring necessary resources to build the resiliency of all Floridians.

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

The funding available through this request will serve at-risk children and adolescents, from all areas of the state, who experience poor mental health, economically disadvantaged, and some who have developmental disabilities and/or are victims of crime. The ages serviced are 5-18 years, grade school and high school students (grades K-12). Approximately 150-200 youth per year are served through this program.

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

Construction of a building, dedicated to delivering educational instruction on-site will indicate outcome of intent for project request. In addition, impact to program and youth served will be evidenced by fewer disruptions to educational programming and school attendance.

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?

Performance objectives and quantifiable measures are currently in place, any penalty measures are welcomed if metrics and objectives are not met.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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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