



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1439

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Citrus Health Network’s Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week to offer brief, intensive services for individuals who are acutely mentally ill and experiencing a mental health crisis, with the goal of examining, stabilizing, and redirecting them to the most appropriate and least restrictive treatment setting they need. Citrus's Assessment and Emergency Services (AES) Department is open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week operating as a psychiatric emergency room to ensure that individuals in need of mental health services receive quality screenings, evaluations, and determinations of suicidality. Citrus' CSU and AES services are crucial round-the-clock and emergency mental health services, especially for indigent, uninsured, underinsured, and homeless populations in the South Florida Community. The requested funding will be used to cover the costs of staffing the CSU and AES.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

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

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

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)	2,000,000	31%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,789,520	43%
Local	470,485	7%
Other	1,218,129	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,478,134	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	455,000	1,000,000	378	No

9. **Is future 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.**

In lieu of state funding, Citrus will have to utilize revenues from other programs to cover the costs of the Crisis Stabilization Unit and Assessment and Emergency Services.



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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.

Citrus Health Network received federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a Federally Qualified Health Center and Community Mental Health Center, Citrus has a variety of programs and services ranging from inpatient, residential, crisis stabilization and outpatient care for physical health and mental health conditions. Federal assistance funds were used to cover loss of revenue and COVID costs.

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.

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	The recurring base funding and the additional non-recurring funding requested will be used to cover costs of staffing the CSU and AES 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Increases in minimum wage, as well as higher demand for licensed mental health professionals, nurses, and other staff in the field have increased staffing costs and retention costs.	2,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	2,000,000
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14. Program Performance

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

Citrus Health Network’s Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week to offer brief, intensive services for individuals who are acutely mentally ill and experiencing a mental health crisis. Likewise, Citrus’ Assessment and Emergency Services (AES) Department operates 24 hours/day, 7 days/week as a psychiatric emergency room offering quality screening, evaluations, determinations of suicidality, and linkage to services. The funding allows the Citrus CSU and AES to stay open and operating at all times to continue meeting the ever-increasing mental health services demands in the community. CSUs are a far less expensive option for the state than a hospital or jail setting.

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

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

CSU: Brief, intensive services for individuals who are acutely mentally ill and experiencing a mental health crisis. Services offered include the following, as appropriate and clinically indicated: Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale Screening, Psychiatric Evaluation, Nursing Assessment and Nursing Services, Medication Management, Individual, Group, Family Therapy, Safety Planning, Care Coordination
 AES: Mental health screenings, evaluations, determinations of suicidality, and linkage to services including outpatient psychiatry and psychotherapy, crisis stabilization, mental health case management, and other behavioral health services.

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

The target populations to be served by this project are persons with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless persons, and developmentally disabled persons.
 CSU: The funds from the project will be used to serve 700 individuals to provide 1,065 bed days for uninsured and underinsured individuals in need of crisis stabilization due to a mental health crisis.
 AES: The funds from the project will be used to serve 1,000 individuals to provide mental health screenings, evaluations, determinations of suicidality and linkage to services for uninsured and under insured individuals in need of assessment and emergency behavioral health services.

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 improve mental health. The specific measures to be used for the CSU are 1. Bed days provided to clients who have an unfunded day of care, 2. Readmission Rate based on clients who had multiple admissions during the time period, and 3. Clients with stable housing situation. The specific measures to be used for AES are (1) number of clients served who are uninsured or under insured (2) number of screenings and evaluations provided. The outcomes will be measured using Citrus' Electronic Health Record.

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?

The Citrus Health Network Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit is licensed by both the Florida Department of Children and Families as a Public Baker Act Receiving Facility and the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration as a Crisis Stabilization Unit. Both licenses require that the Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit remain open 24/7, the adjacent Assessment and Emergency Services Department is also open 24/7, including to serve uninsured and underinsured clients. Citrus would work closely with DCF to ensure continued operations and compliance with deliverables.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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
- 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