



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1730

1. Project Title Stepping Up Initiative Jail Diversion Project - Broward

2. Senate Sponsor Lauren Book

3. Date of Request 02/10/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Stepping Up Initiative Jail Diversion Project is part of the national Stepping Up Initiative, to address the over-representation of people with Mental illness and/or SUD in the Broward County jails. Inmates who qualify for the post-arrest jail diversion program are provided with individualized transition planning including linkages to community-based behavioral health treatment and support services. By diverting from the Broward County jail, lives are improved and \$224.36 per day per person is saved. In addition, recidivism rates are improved, employment is gained, and acute services are reduced. The program also addresses pre-arrest diversion to stop the flow into the jails by providing treatment and services within the community, avoiding arrests altogether.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	510,400
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	510,400

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	510,400	44%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	573,587	50%
Local	70,000	6%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,153,987	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	510,400	372	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 510,400

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Federal grants from the Bureau of Justice Administration and SAMHSA will be pursued in future years to sustain and expand this initiative.

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



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No

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

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	Stepping Up/Jail Diversion Director - administer, supervise, manage program, pursue expansion opportunities both pre- and post-arrest; coordinate and lead collaborative Broward Stepping Up Task Force to link community partners and develop strategic data-driven plans for improvement.	98,438
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cell phone @ \$35/month = \$420; IT support @ \$115/month = \$1,380; Supplies \$300	2,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Flex funds to provide immediate access for community re-entry from jail; to include, but not limited to housing, medication, medical treatment, behavioral health treatment, and other ancillary services or goods needed to ensure recovery and community integration for participants that are indigent and/or homeless.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Purchasing contracted services: screening, risk-assessment, case management, care coordination, peer specialist services and other supportive services.	309,862
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		510,400

14. Program Performance



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

As part of the national Stepping Up Initiative, to address the over-representation of people with Mental illness and/or SUD in the Broward County jails; inmates will be identified who may be diverted into community mental health programs using standard assessment tools in the jails, linking behavioral health professionals and providers to collaborate with judges, state attorneys, and public defenders; saving \$224.36/day per person by diverting from the Broward County jail; improving lives. The project will also support a collaboration of advocates, behavioral health providers, the Managing Entity, law enforcement, jail and court personnel, etc. to connect people to community services, avoiding arrests altogether.

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

Inmates who qualify for the post-arrest jail diversion program are provided with individualized transition planning including linkages to community-based behavioral health treatment and support services. Inmates. The Stepping Up Initiative Task Force will also review behavioral health and criminal justice systems to fill gaps and avoid incarceration for people with MI and/or SUD.

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

Behavioral health assessment, Drug Screening, risk-needs assessment, case management to link clients to housing and BH community services, peer support services. Pre-arrest diversion includes monthly review of CIT Training, Mobile Response Teams, Baker-Act facilities, the 988 hotline, the Centralized Receiving System, co-responder programs and other ways to divert from the criminal justice system.

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

Persons with poor mental health, Economically disadvantage persons, Homeless, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, Drug offenders. The program will impact more than 800 individuals.

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

Improve physical and mental health by connecting participants to medical/medication management. Protect the general public from harm by providing CIT training to officers and diverting individuals with mental illnesses from the jail, increase and improve economic activity and self-sufficiency by supporting individuals once they obtain employment and referring them to employment and vocational training and stable housing. Reduce recidivism to crisis units, re-arrest and State Hospital, Reduce substance abuse by engaging participants in treatment and avoiding re-arrest. Data is being collected for these measures.

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?

Efforts to meet performance measures and deliverables will be paramount to the operational plan. Failure to meet measures will be examined and justified as necessary. Processes will be re-evaluated, and an improvement plan will be developed to address deficiencies.

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



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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