



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2495

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The current Children's Crisis Unit is located in an Adult CSU and, although separated by a wall, does not provide the therapeutic environment that is critical to the treatment and care of children and adolescents. In addition, the number of beds is inadequate to meet the current needs of the community. The new 20-bed children's Crisis Stabilization and Diversion Center, will expand the number of beds and provide an up-to-date, therapeutic environment for adolescents and children. This project is a partnership with Wellness Connection and Pinellas County Behavioral Health System of Care, a consortium of over 100 community providers. These additional funds are requested due to the fact that construction costs have increased nearly 25% since 2019-2020. These funds will allow PEMHS to complete construction without delay. Project budgets now add a new cost line item titled "escalation." It is required to anticipate increased costs due to the uncertainty in the marketplace.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

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 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,000,000	67%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	5,000,000	3810	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.

There is no 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.

PEMHS received PPP loan to support increased staffing and CARES ACT Provide Relief Funds to supplement lost revenue

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.

The facility will be owned by Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS), a non profit 501(c)(3) organization. PEMHS has no owners. The organization has oversight performed by a Board of Directors, where none of the Directors have any share in ownership.

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	Additional construction costs for 20-bed Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit and Diversion Center.	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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The new Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit and Diversion Center will provide for a therapeutic environment that will better facilitate treatment for both adolescents and children. The current CSU has 15 available beds.

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

The new CSU will be designed to serve adolescents and children in need of crisis stabilization services. Crisis stabilization services include monitoring and observation, discharge planning, nursing care, physician evaluation and diagnosis, medical history and physical, as well as diversion, care coordination and wrap-around services.

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

Mental Health Techs will monitor individuals for safety, Nurses LPN, RN will assess and examine individuals' medical and psychiatric needs. A Therapist, MA, MS, LMHC, LCSW, will provide both group and individual therapy. Discharge planners will provide discharge planning to an appropriate disposition. A Board-Certified Psychiatrist (including Medical Director) will examine individuals to determine if they meet Baker Act criteria. A certified medical physician will provide history and physical.

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

The target population includes adolescents and children who meet Baker Act criteria and need a secure, safe and therapeutic environment in which to receive care and treatment. A total of 536 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The outcome of the project will make 5 additional beds available (current CSU has 15 beds) for children and adolescents to receive acute inpatient care. The methodology by which the outcome will be measured is the number of beds utilized and the number of individuals served.

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?

A return of a percentage of funds might be considered for failure to meet expected deliverables or performance measures.

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