



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1410

1. Title of Project: St. Johns EPIC Recovery Center - Expand Bed Capacity

2. Senate Sponsor: Travis Hutson

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Funding request to expand the bed capacity by 50 percent at the St. Johns EPIC Recovery Center for Detoxification and Short-term Residential Treatment services for St. Johns County residents and those from surrounding counties in northeast Florida. This request is supported by St. Johns County Legislative Delegation, St. Johns County Board of County Commission, St. Johns County Behavioral Health Consortium, Flagler Hospital and the Office of Sheriff David B. Shoar. Last year alone (2018), more than 650 St. Johns County residents were unable to access inpatient services for their substance use disorder and instead have either been placed on Protective Custody and escorted to the county jail or went to the Flagler Hospital's Emergency Department for assistance.

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 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$825,000



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and Benefits will be used to hire medical/ clinical staff (3.5 FTE), paraprofessionals (4.5 FTE), and support personnel (2.5 FTE) to manage the 24/7 day-to-day operations of the medical inpatient facility.	590,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, furniture, and furnishings for 4 patient double occupancy bedrooms, intake and counseling rooms, and upgrade to the kitchen and bathrooms to accommodate additional patient treatment needs at a cost of \$44,000. Operating Costs to include Medical, Pharmacy, Food, IT, Occupancy, Program, and other Professional Services at a cost of \$446,000. 1 vehicle to travel to appointments for medical, employment, housing, recovery meetings and other activities at a cost of \$70,000.	560,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Internal space conversion at current facility to accommodate 5 double occupancy patient rooms, exam/clinical rooms, and kitchen and bathroom expansion.	350,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to expand the current bed capacity (16 beds) at the St. Johns EPIC Recovery Center. The expansion would include increasing medical Detoxification beds from 10 to 14 and increasing short-term Residential Treatment beds from 6 to 10 for a total of 24 beds to serve more adults with significant substance use disorders to withdraw from the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol or opioid use together with continued intensive treatment services.

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

Inpatient medical Detoxification and Residential Treatment for adults diagnosed with a substance use disorder (including opioids). Services include medical stabilization, supportive counseling, education, life skills training,



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care coordination, recreation therapy and other non-verbal therapies. Space conversion and related equipment to add 5 additional double occupancy bedrooms, additional therapy rooms, and expanding the commercial kitchen and bathroom facilities to accommodate the additional patients served.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Funding requested will expand the bed capacity at the St. Johns EPIC Recovery Center by 50 percent (from 16 beds increasing to 24 beds). Direct services provided to adults with acute substance use disorders will include detoxification (5-7 day medical stabilization period to withdraw from alcohol and/or opioids) and short-term (30 days) residential treatment focusing on intensive relapse prevention therapy and life skills training in order to build a solid foundation for recovery.

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

Adults with a significant substance use disorder that are at imminent risk of physical withdrawal from alcohol or opioids and need supervised medical treatment. Approximately 230 individuals will be served as a result of renovating and expanding our current facility to add additional inpatient bed capacity.

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

1. Improve Mental Health. Measure: Psychiatric Assessment. Reduction of symptoms. Method for measuring outcome: Assessment with Licensed Practitioner, adherence to treatment plan, PHQ-9 depression screening at baseline and intervals throughout treatment. 2. Reduce Substance Abuse Measure: Reduction of symptoms. Completion of the treatment episode of care. Reduction of patients leaving services AMA (Against Medical Advice). Method for measuring outcome: CIWA or COWS withdrawal scale. Adherence to the patient's Care Coordination Plan that addresses substance use and/or mental health disorder treatment, employment, housing, benefits, primary health care, transportation, social connectedness, etc.

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 in the contract?

Establish a corrective action plan and withhold payment until deliverables are achieved.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

EPIC Community Services, Inc., dba EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, owner and requestor.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** EPIC Community Services, Inc. dba EPIC Behavioral Healthcare
- b. **County:** Saint Johns



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c. Organization Type:

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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