



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1349

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is short to medium-term rental assistance with support services, for severely mentally ill (SMI) homeless persons involved in the criminal justice system. Funding is used to provide up to two years (24 months) of rental assistance or serve as "bridge housing" for persons who are determined to need Permanent Supportive Housing based on the duration of homelessness and level of services needed. The goal is to connect homeless SMI persons with a history of arrests or frequent police interactions to supportive housing or assisted living with wrap-around services. Referrals are made by the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, area police departments, specialized homeless outreach teams, and, jail diversion behavioral health treatment providers. By diverting individuals with SMI away from the justice system and into housing, there is a reduction in jail costs and fewer admissions to crisis stabilization units and forensic treatment facilities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="434,319"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	434,319

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="434319"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="81.0 %"/>
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0 %"/>
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0 %"/>
Local	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="50,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="9 %"/>
Other	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="56,687"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="10 %"/>
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	541,006	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="100,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="373"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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	Program supervision, contract management, billing and reporting.	33,170
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office security, insurance, R&M, utilities.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for one full-time case manager and one full-time housing navigator.	111,149
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Direct support - rental assistance, move-in expenses, food vouchers, bus passes, utility assistance, Program expenses - 2 computers, workstation, office supplies, mileage reimbursement/transportation.	270,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		434,319



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11. Program Performance

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

The goal is to quickly connect homeless detainees with serious mental illnesses, who have a history of arrests and/or frequent police interactions, into community supportive housing. Referrals are made by the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, area police departments, specialized homeless outreach teams and jail diversion behavioral health treatment provider(s).

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

Rapid Rehousing, which is short to medium-term rental assistance will be used to assist clients with permanent housing placement in the community, and to provide housing navigation, case management and rental assistance to ensure exited clients remain stably housed in the community.

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

The following direct services will be provided: 1. Housing Identification: through the use of housing navigators to recruit landlords and find safe, affordable units in proximity to amenities and services that meet client's needs. Units will be secured within the limits of the client's income or potential income. 2. Rent and move-in assistance: The provider will guarantee the lease between the landlord and client for the period enrollment in the RRH program. Move-in assistance will be provided in the form of needed household items and furniture to allow clients to immediately move into units. Support will be provided at only the level needed to stabilize the client in order to maximize resources. 3. Case Management and Services: These services are geared towards stabilizing the individuals in permanent housing by connecting them to mainstream services and supports. This includes benefits, employment assistance as well as support to navigate health/behavioral healthcare.

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

The target population to be served will be homeless individuals with severe mental illness who have also been involved in the criminal justice system. Funding will provide Rapid Rehousing and supportive services to an estimated 30 individuals per year.

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

Individuals who remain linked to program services and successfully transition into permanent housing demonstrate significantly lower rates of re-arrest. Additionally, those who remain engaged in housing and accompanying supportive services demonstrate significantly greater decreases in bookings and jail days over time. Identifying individuals at admission who have more extensive histories of criminal justice system involvement and homelessness may offer opportunities to better focus individual engagement strategies, stably housing individuals with SMI, support individuals in gaining income and reduced homelessness in Miami-Dade. The following measures will be used to measure these outcomes: 1. At least 35% served will gain economic self-sufficiency or maintain/improve economic self-sufficiency while enrolled in the program. 2. Number and rate of re-arrest of clients in the program. 3. Number of persons enrolled in the program. 4. Number of persons successfully completing program.

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?

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply, unless DCF determines that extenuating circumstances exist, shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan.



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12. **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.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.