



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1631

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Broward County requests \$375,000 to extend the pilot program to continue providing long-acting injectable buprenorphine, a Medication-Assisted-Therapy (MAT), to 70 individuals suffering from severe opioid use disorder (OUD) who would otherwise be unable to receive this FDA approved, evidence-based, lifesaving treatment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	375,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	375,000

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)	375,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	375,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	158,184	367	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation: \$340,744,702
 American Rescue Plan Act FY 2022: \$189,652,117
 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021): \$53,000,000

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		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	This amount will provide 205 long-acting injectable Buprenorphine and all associated costs (shipping, processing fees, etc.) to supply product to the community. The cost of the injectable buprenorphine per dose is \$1,829. The total budget request will be dedicated to the purchase of the medication.	375,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		375,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Broward County Addiction Recovery Division (BARD) seeks to continue a pilot program making long-acting injectable buprenorphine, a Medication-Assisted-Therapy (MAT), available to individuals suffering from severe opioid use disorder (OUD). The target population is largely indigent, without health insurance who typically lack enough housing and social supports to manage daily dosing of oral buprenorphine.

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

This amount will strictly provide 205 long-acting injectable buprenorphine and all associated costs such as shipping, processing fees, etc., to supply product to the community.

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

BARD seeks to help people overcome obstacles to sobriety, improve patient outcomes, decrease opioid related crime, and reduce healthcare costs. Annually, BARD provides a comprehensive array of services to 3,400 individuals with substance use disorders, many of them struggling with OUD. Thousands of visits to the emergency rooms are linked to opioid use/overdose each year. As of July 2022, there have already been nearly 2,000 fatal overdoses in Florida. This life saving intervention would reduce that number, as well as reduce the other costs associated with opioid use. The Florida Department of Health reports there is a correlation between risky sexual behavior and opioid misuse. It stands to reason that reducing opioid abuse will decrease the number of unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis A, hepatitis C, and HIV.

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

The program will continue providing MAT to 70 individuals suffering from severe opioid use disorder (OUD) who would otherwise be unable to receive this FDA approved, evidenced-based, lifesaving treatment.

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

BARD projects that this investment will receive, at minimum, a 400% return on investment from this program by reducing the costs and services related to emergency room visits, medical examiners services, detoxification, and first responders' functions. The long-acting injection supports a patient's ongoing recovery; indeed, in published national data, about 75.3% of patients who received 12 monthly injections were abstinent one year later. At BARD, we have enrolled and provided 104 injections to 49 patients in four months. The initial procurement of the medication was delayed, but very quickly, the success of the program has become evident. Of the 49 patients, only three left or discontinued services against medical advice. program. The program collects random and regular staff observed urine specimens from patients. Of all program participants, only two returned specimens positive for other opioids. The program currently has a waiting list pending additional procurement of medication.

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?

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARD) fully intends to meet deliverables to provide treatment to the community. Broward County has a rigorous internal audit control utilizing, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards requirements, and a fiscal system in place to ensure the proper expenditure of all project revenues. In addition, Broward County employs experienced and qualified employees to provide oversight of grant funds through vetted internal processes and procedures.

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



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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