



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2025

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Women's Accessible Intensive Behavioral Living Environment (WAIBLE), is two Accessible Intensive Behavior Community-Based home model for women diagnosed with Intensive Behaviors as defined by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities 64-G Rule book. These homes will specifically address a critical need by providing intensive behavioral supports through principles of Behavior Analysis. There is a state shortage of these specialized homes for women who need highly trained professionals to manage the application of proven behavioral interventions. Homes will be made accessible allowing residents to age in place long-term providing families with relief support and hope for long term care for their loved ones.

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	435,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	315,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

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)	750,000	56%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	600,000	44%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**

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



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Yes

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

\$933,736 in PPP Loans were received during the pandemic to supplement lost revenues and to assist with retaining and recruiting employees during the pandemic.  
 \$420,131.54 Cares Act funds were received to develop training programs for people with disabilities to achieve long-term employment outcomes.

## 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.**

ARC of Martin County and Arc of St. Lucie County, d.b.a. ARC of the Treasure Coast. The entity that owns the facilities is the same entity that will be providing services for the project.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Manager - To oversee the plans review, construction management and acquisition and reporting of all aspects of the project.	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Services - Communications and Project consultants to promote awareness of the project to all constituents and assist in facilitating its successful development. Outreach services to families to assist with language barriers and transportation barriers accessing behavioral services.	50,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Board Certified Behavior Analyst - Doctorate Level and Board Certified Behavior Assistants to development and implement treatment plans for the residents.	185,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Two (2) 10-Passenger Vehicles (one for each residential facility), Workers Comp. Insurance, Vehicle Insurance, Liability Insurance, Construction Insurance.	140,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Trainings/Contracted Services - All staff need behavior Assistant training certificates, (20 hour course). Safety Care training certificate (Three day course). Driver safety training, Core competency training, zero tolerance training, first aide/infectious disease training, etc.	35,000



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<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction, Renovation and Security Features of two homes. Homes will be equipped with separate bedrooms for each resident, accessible bathroom, & kitchen for wheelchairs with energy star appliances with safety features. Home will have security features and monitoring installed to assist with behavioral interventions, and training purposes. Home will be mitigated to withstand hurricanes.	315,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

WAIBLE will provide access to the long-term care with the behavioral supports necessary for female residents to live in the community. WAIBLE provides 24/7/365 days per year individual habilitation, training, supports and assistance that empowers each female resident to achieve their fullest potential. There is a state shortage and desperate need of Intensive Behavior homes for women who need highly trained professionals thus fulfilling a critical gap in services State.

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

WAIBLE addresses the physical, emotional, social, psychological and behavioral barriers of the residents. Intensive behavioral services through Board Certified Behavior Analysts along with activities of daily living to include, cooking, dressing, cleaning, working, communications, goal setting, money management, medication management, and other related residential habilitation activities will be taught and/or provided to the female residents within the program.

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

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

Women who have been diagnosed with an Intellectual and developmental Disability specifically with Intensive Behaviors between the ages of 20 and 65 who are legal residents of the State of Florida. Between 12 and 24 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?**

- \* Implement physician-prescribed weight loss programs and strategies.
- \* Establish individualized, exercise regimens for each client using an adaptive PE equipment.
- \* Increase participation in community outings that require movement and are enjoyable, such as laser tag, pickle ball, and miniature golf. Monthly weight recordings. Regularly scheduled physician visits to record, blood pressure, blood levels, and overall health improvements.
- \* Expand and individualize systems to increase clients overall embrace of program goals.
- \* Increase ongoing staff engagement with clients who thrive on attention.
- \* Assist and train families of emotionally unstable clients to provide their adult children with more frequent, desired, and satisfying home visits. Mental health recordings of client sessions documenting improvements with goals. Internal staffing notes on activities and data on goals. Family surveys on family visits and how visits are impacting family.

**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?**

The agency can choose not to license the homes which are associated with this project until the project is complete or until demonstrating the services are being provided adequately per the contract. The agency could also request recoupment of funds if the funds are not utilized as stated in the contract.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information



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**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
- 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**