



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1681

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Approaching its 34th year, The Heron Assisted Living Facility offers permanent housing and supportive services to Monroe County adults with chronic and persistent mental illness in a comfortable, homelike setting. The Heron is a program of the Guidance/Care Center, a Florida nonprofit that has been providing behavioral health care in Monroe County for 50 years. It is a state-licensed Assisted Living Facility with a Limited Mental Health License regulated by Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration. Additional oversight is provided by the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, and the Department of Elder Affairs' Ombudsman Program. This rebuild expansion project provides for the construction of a new assisted living facility, including isolation rooms (COVID) and code upgrades.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,750,000

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)	1,750,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,500,000	34%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,200,000	27%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	4,450,000	100%

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

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

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?**



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

2,242,598 has been received through CARES act and PPP. Funds have been used for agency operating expenses, client fees and payroll. \$800,00 was allocated to this project.

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 is owned by the Guidance/Care Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit facility.

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	Constructing a new assisted living facility on the same property and include capital improvements such as the isolation rooms, commercial kitchen and code upgrades. Includes subsequent tearing down of the current building so that residents are not displaced.	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,750,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Heron ALF provides critical, safe, stable and affordable housing to 16 low-income adults, with severe and persistent mental illness and/or a history of substance use disorder. The rebuild constructs a new assisted living facility including isolation rooms (COVID) and code upgrades. This independent living keeps residents close to their families and diverts from institutions like the state hospital or jail and prevents homelessness.

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

Permanent housing and supportive services for 16 adults who require an assisted living facility due to their mental health condition.

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

Permanent housing with staff support to adults with chronic and persistent mental illness. This project replaces the existing deteriorating property and expands to reinstate full capacity of 16 individuals. Staff supports focus on helping these adults with independent living skills in a group environment.

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

The target population is Adult Florida residents in need of assisted living due to their chronic and/or persistent mental illness. The Heron provides permanent housing to 16 adults who otherwise would be in institutions like the state hospital, jail or just homeless.

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

Number of individuals housed.

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?

Mandatory corrective action and performance improvement activities. Without improvement, return of funds.

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
- University or College



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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