



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2279

1. Project Title Apalachee Center Expansion of Childrens Baker Act unit, the B.E.A.C.H. Unit

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 02/27/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Apalachee Center's B.E.A.C.H. (Behavioral Excellence and Children's Health) unit opened in 2019 as a 12-bed child and adolescent inpatient unit funded by both the Department of Children and Families Services (DFS) and private insurance. We need four additional beds to meet the growing need of our eight-county, 5,500 square mile rural area.

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 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	800,000	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?

Yes

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



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\$887,283 and \$361,462.34 supplies, cleaning, and testing; as well as additional costs for contract staffing during extreme staffing shortages.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

September of 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March of 2024

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.

Apalachee Center, Inc.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	none	0
Other Salary and Benefits	none	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	none	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	none	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	none	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	none	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	none	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	construction to expand the existing facility from 12 beds to 16 beds	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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

Expanding our 12 bed children's unit to 16 beds, by adding four more beds. This will allow us to meet the growing need of our eight-county, 5,500 square mile rural area.

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

The B.E.A.C.H. Unit serves youths aged 6 -17 who are in a serious mental health crisis and need psychiatric intervention to ensure their health and the health of others.



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

This program ensures that youths aged 6 -17 who are in a serious mental health crisis receive intensive psychiatric intervention to ensure their health and the health of others and can rapidly return to their homes and their schools while also being linked to vital outpatient programs within the Apalachee system of care to ensure their continued success in all aspects of life.

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

Youths aged 6 - 17 who are in a serious mental health crisis. 167 additional children and youths annually (25% increase over current annual admissions).

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

Patients served will improve physical, psychiatric, and behavioral health relative to the results of initial psychiatric, psychological, and psychosocial evaluations performed at admission.

Patients will be closely followed by the BEACH clinical team through admission and receive psychiatric, medication, psychological, counseling, social service and psychoeducational interventions as indicated by evaluation and directed by initial treatment plan.

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?

Require Corrective Action

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
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number