



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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

4. Project/Program Description:

Apalachee Center, together with Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, seeks to develop a new 8-bed Forensic Short term Residential Treatment program at Apalachee Center, and to use this program to serve nonviolent felons who are or may be sentenced under FS 916 from Circuit 2. This program will require approximately 1 million dollars (\$1,001,560) in new funding, to be contracted through Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. It is anticipated that this expanded programming will result in average annual service to approximately 40-62 additional clients (number revised from earlier estimates based on recent data) who would otherwise remain in jail or be committed to either civil hospital beds or Secure Forensic Beds at Florida State Hospital from this region, and allow for a much greater range of flexibility in terms of discharge options from acute psychiatric care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds:
 State Agency Contacted?

6. Amount of the Non-Recurring Request:

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
\$1,001,560	0	\$1,001,560

7. Total Project Cost (if greater than Total Requested State Funds):

8. Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project:

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal:	0	0
State (Excluding the amount of this request):	0	0
Local:	0	0
Other:	0	0

9. Was the project previously funded by the State?

Fiscal Year(s)	Amount		Vetoed
	Recurring	Non-Recurring	
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10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.



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\$1,001,560

11. Program Performance (if needed, include additional documentation):

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

Reducing the high volume of mental health clients committed to, and waiting to be committed to, secure forensic beds at Florida State Hospital (FSH), is one of the Department of Children and Families' top priorities. DCF estimates that the number of individuals committed to forensic beds at FSH from Circuit 2 is currently the highest in the state for counties not in the top ten most populous. On average, over fifty individuals from Leon County annually are committed to FSH forensic programs. Out of the seven counties in Florida that commit over fifty individuals or more annually, Leon County is the only one not in the top 7 of overall population statewide. Apalachee Center seeks to develop an 8 bed Short term Forensic Residential Treatment program to serve this population. This project will allow substantially more individuals in this Circuit to be treated in this community without State hospitalization.

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

Apalachee Center, together with Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, seeks to develop a new 8-bed Forensic Short term Residential Treatment program at Apalachee Center, and to use this program to serve nonviolent felons who are or may be sentenced under FS 916 from Circuit 2. Clients in this program will receive intensive daily services including psychiatric assessment, medication management, skill-building groups, case management, competency restoration, and where indicated, individual psychotherapy within a 24-hour locked treatment environment that meets standards for a Baker act receiving facility.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Other Salary and Benefits	Non-direct service staff (eg HR, IT,ACC)	70,137
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating expense(eg, utilities, supplies)	30,019
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Direct Service Staff (eg, RNs, LPNs, MHAs)	540,842
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating expense (eg utilities, supplies)	360,562
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Short term psychiatric residential treatment services

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

It is anticipated that this expanded programming will result in average annual service to approximately



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40-62 additional clients who would otherwise remain in jail or be committed to either civil hospital beds or Secure Forensic Beds at Florida State Hospital from this region, and allow for a much greater range of flexibility in terms of discharge options from acute psychiatric care. Based on the past five years of performance in the current 4-bed civil SRT, it is also predicted that the much more rapid through-put available with this program would allow forensic clients to be served with significantly lower expense.

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

On average, over fifty individuals from Leon County annually are committed to Florida State Hospital forensic programs. Out of the seven counties in Florida that commit over fifty individuals or more annually, Leon County is the only one not in the top 7 of overall population statewide. Apalachee Center seeks to develop an 8 bed Short term Forensic Residential Treatment program to serve this population. This project will allow substantially more individuals in this Circuit to be treated in this community without State hospitalization. Apalachee anticipates being able to divert from jail (and thus subsequent State hospital treatment, assuming Court willingness to consider treatment within a community setting) between 40 and 62 clients (number revised from earlier estimates based on recent data). Even a more conservative estimate of 40 clients served in this eight bed program would constitute a fivefold savings over serving these clients at Florida State Hospital. This savings is the result of the significantly faster through-put and subsequent discharge to less expensive levels of care possible at Apalachee, at virtually the same cost per bed as the Forensic unit at Florida State Hospital. It is predicted that this program will have the impact of substantially reducing the total number of Circuit 2 clients forensically committed to Florida State Hospital.

- g. 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?

Requirement for corrective action plan

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. Name and Title: Jay Reeve, PhD, Chief Executive Officer
- b. Organization: Apalachee Center, Inc.
- c. E-mail Address: jayr@apalacheecenter.org
- d. Phone Number: 850-523-3213

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization: Apalachee Center, Inc.
- b. Municipality and County: Tallahassee, Leon County

- c. Organization type (check all that apply):

☐ For-profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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d. Contact Name and Title:

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850-523-3213

15. Lobbyist Contact Information:

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Offices: (850) 222-0500 / (850)224-9115 / (850) 224-2859

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

☐ Other (Please describe)

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X N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)

18. What is the status of construction?

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19. What percentage of the construction has been completed? What is the estimated completion date?

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