



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Veteran's Court Behavioral Health Support Services

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Greg Steube

3. **Date of Submission:** 10/25/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Coastal Behavioral Healthcare is requesting substance abuse funding for Lee County Veteran's Court Program. The program, which is incorporated under Coastal's mental health court program, will have a director, two outreach specialists and two drug screeners. Program staff would work collaboratively under Judge Andrew Swett and with staff from the State Attorney's and Public Defender's offices. Services include substance use and mental health assessment, Court Intervention Plan development and implementation, referral and linkage, drug testing and monitoring compliance with the court's orders for defendants. People with a history of opioid use and addiction would be included. Helping courts, such as the Veterans' Court have been recognized for reducing recriminalization, reducing recidivism to acute care inpatient settings, and for empowering people to recover from substance use disorders, including opioid use, and mental illnesses.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? State Court System

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
320,000		320,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 320,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b>		
	A	B	C
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

320,000

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Coastal will assist veterans with substance use disorders that have been arrested to prepare and complete a court ordered intervention plan that will enable them to live in the community drug-free and not be re-arrested.

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

Services including substance use and mental health assessment, intervention plan development and implementation, referral and linkage, drug testing and monitoring compliance with the court's orders for defendants.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Program Coord. (\$22,200); 2 Outreach Specialists (2 X \$41,300); 2 Drug Screeners (2 X \$32,500); Admin. Asst. (\$13,200)	183,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Occupancy (\$14,000); Travel/Training (\$2,700); Equipment rental, maintenance (\$3,600); Vehicle expense (\$7,000); Drug testing (\$44,000); Incidental funding (\$25,000); Insurance (\$3,300); Office Supplies (\$700); General and Admin (\$36,000)	137,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		320,000

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

Services including substance use and mental health assessment, intervention plan development and implementation, referral and linkage, drug testing and monitoring compliance with the court's orders for defendants. Staff will work closely with the judge, public defender and state's attorney to develop a court approved intervention plan. They participate in every veteran's court hearing and report progress and issues on every case for the day. Participants are drug tested frequently with results reported to the court. The director leads a case staffing meeting prior to court on each case for the day. The judge supervises the meeting when he is there.

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



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Veterans that have been arrested and have substance use disorders and mental illnesses that volunteer for Veteran's Court. The target population includes people caught in the opioid crisis. The court will provide services to 50 people per year.

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

Participants will complete court-approved and ordered intervention plans, have criminal charges dropped, move into independent housing, be substance free and not be re-criminalized and arrested. There will also be a significant reduction in mental illness symptoms. Coastal will monitor, track and report on these measures.

**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?**

DCF and managing entities set performance expectations for all of the contracts they execute with providers. Mental health, drug, and veteran's court programs are included. In addition to the regular performance and outcome measures, DCF and managing entities could consider measuring completion rates for intervention plans, rates for charges being dropped, graduation rates from the Court, and reductions in acute care hospital and CSU admissions and reductions in involvement in criminal justice system. Penalties could include corrective actions plans and could escalate to cancelation of contract.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Not applicable. Coastal Behavioral Healthcare is a not-for-profit entity and has no owners.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
- b. **County:** Lee, Sarasota
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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