



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1342

1. Title of Project: CASL Independent Supportive Housing (Renaissance)

2. Senate Sponsor: Joe Gruters

3. Date of Submission: 01/23/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

This program seeks to assist the Severe and Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) population throughout the State of Florida with low income housing that provides case management and other supportive housing services enabling the individual to maintain independent community living in a stable and assisted manner. Approximately 90% of our residents have an income of \$0 to \$9,000 per year. Due to limited resources, the persons we serve cannot afford housing on the open market. In Sarasota County, the HUD fair market rent for an efficiency unit is \$730/month. This does not include utilities, food, incidentals or wrap-around supportive services. Housing without the supportive services does not reduce recidivism. By making our housing affordable and incorporating our wrap around services, clients are able to maintain stable while living independently. Our services incorporate into our housing first model which have consistently delivered a reduction in the acute care system.

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 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	900,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	900,000	27.62%
Federal	1,129,000	34.65%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	542,852	16.66%
Local	411,748	12.64%
Other	275,000	8.44%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	3,258,600	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		600,000	372	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program director who is responsible for information management (including electronic health record and data), program/contract compliance (QI/QA), program audits/monitoring and act as security and privacy officer. Oversees daily operation of case management/supportive housing and outreach team.	77,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Part time accountant for processing payroll, financial reports financial audit compliance and compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Employee benefits to include health insurance and disability insurance.	68,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Case Management salaries and other cost for employment such as worker's compensation, health insurance, payroll taxes and state unemployment taxes.	671,447
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Each Case Manager is provided with an office, cell phone, computer and mini van or four door car. The vehicles are used for transporting to appointments, social outings, food shopping, etc. The funds will be used for gas, vehicle maintenance, cell phone usage, office space, office supplies, computer with IT Support and Electronic Health Record System.	83,053
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Over half of the people CASL serves are homeless prior to admission in addition to their mental illness or co-occurring disorders. From CASL's experience as well as supported by numerous studies, when supportive housing services are incorporated into their housing, it dramatically reduces recidivism to the emergency rooms, forensic hospitals, jails and Crisis Units. Over the past several years, the recidivism rate of our residents is at or below 5% annually. A study in Lee county showed that persons with severe and persistent mental illness who did not have housing coupled with the supportive Service consumed, on average, \$54,625/year. Residents in CASL's program consumed, on average, \$6,000/year. Our goal is to keep people in their respective communities and out of the acute care and/or forensic system.



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

The case managers in collaboration with each resident, develop an Individual Service Plan (ISP) based on the personal goals and three distinct program objectives: 1) Obtain and remain in permanent housing. 2) Achieve self-determination and, 3) Increase life skills, income and overall quality of life. Our organization uses the Functional Assessment Rating Scale (FARS) to establish a benchmark of the resident's initial functional ability. The FARS enables the case managers to encourage further independence through metered goals that are primarily driven by the residents. We provide residential settings in the community which offer security and stabilization, enhancing the confidence and safety felt by our residents. Individualized Service Plans are utilized to set short- and long-term goals which are essential to maintaining stability and recovery. Our residents have a case manager who advocate and assist in resolving challenges, barriers, obstacles and assure goals are met.

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

Two services are provided, housing and supportive services essential to sustain persons with SPMI in community-based housing. Our residents have a case manager who advocate and assist in resolving challenges, barriers, obstacles and assure goals are met. This assistance enables our clients to access community resources essential to resiliency, self-determination and independence. Our case managers provide other types of assistance by working with our clients to develop literacy skills, skills to search for job/volunteer opportunities, budgeting, healthcare access, transportation, community services, crisis intervention, accessing clothing resources, computer skills, nutrition, social skills, hygiene management, security management, safety management and housekeeping skills. Residents receive ongoing encouragement and feedback from our case managers, helping them improve their daily living skills, socialization, personal appearance and living space upkeep.

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

CASL typically targets the Severe and Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) or Adults with Mental Health Problems (AMHP) as defined by DCF Pamphlet 155-2. Over 50% not only carry a mental health diagnosis, but a substance abuse diagnosis as well, co-occurring. In addition to this population, CASL assist in local forensic diversion programs. This includes but not limited to individuals from state forensic hospitals and local jails through Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC). These clients typically have a Mental Health Diagnosis and (ICD10) code between F20-39 and need to receive services for their current mental health problem for 12 months or more. CASL expects to serve between 300 and 350 people.

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

Services provided by CASL, assist the State in the management of a system of care for persons with mental illness most of whom were homeless or at risk of homelessness due to disability and extremely low income. This care is designed to reduce the occurrence, severity, duration and disabling aspects of mental and behavioral disorders. CASL helps individuals to progress towards recovery and self-fulfillment/actualization through the provision of support services and housing. CASL and its assisted living facility (ALF) Renaissance Manor seek to assist each individual with the services best suited to each clients' individual progress. These outcomes will be measured by individuals served and remaining in an independent living situation.

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 in the contract?



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The managing entity, Central Florida Behavioral Network (CFBHN), requires data on services and people served to be uploaded/maintained in the Electronic Records System (CHDS). CFBHN requires this information to be uploaded to their system to ensure the amount of services provided equals or exceeds the invoiced amount ensuring that billing matches data. If there is not enough data uploaded into their system to indicate services provided per contract requirements, CFBHN will reduce the payment to the provider. CASL has consistently exceeded the outcomes and contract requirements with 100% reporting compliance. For the past three years, CASL has expanded capacity by 30% per year with a 100-bed expansion which is currently under construction and scheduled to open August 2019.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Community Assisted & Supported Living, Inc.
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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
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