



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2342

1. **Project Title** STEPS Women's Level II Residential Treatment - Brevard2. **Senate Sponsor** Debbie Mayfield3. **Date of Request** 01/09/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Specialized Treatment, Education and Prevention Services (STEPS), Inc, will provide level II residential treatment with medication assisted treatment (MAT) and E-therapy to treat opioid addiction in pregnant and post-partum women and women with children, who are residents of Brevard County where no level II residential treatment beds exist. In 2019, Brevard has seen a 3766% increase of Hepatitis A cases directly related to IV drug use. Increasingly, Brevard County women are being admitted into treatment from local jails, emergency rooms and detox facilities. Many are pregnant, homeless, or victims of trauma. The STEPS program will also provide a broad array of services addressing women's needs such as pregnancy, parenting, mental health, infectious disease, life skills, education and vocational services. Requested funding would provide 10 level II residential treatment beds, increasing access to level II residential treatment by 29% for Brevard County.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and FamiliesState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	703,920
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	703,920

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	703920	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	703,920	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19		150,000	372	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Staff salaries and benefits.	519,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation for participants, office supplies and equipment.	142,520
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Medication-assisted treatment.	42,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		703,920



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11. Program Performance

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

Reducing immense costs for multiple publicly funded systems in Brevard County by treating opioid addicted women and their child(ren) within the appropriate level of care. STEPS has a letter of support from the 18th Judicial Circuit Public Defender for this program. Of the average daily jail population, 341 are females, including 5 who are pregnant. Many women either wait several months to get the treatment they need, or are released without any treatment at all or to an inappropriate level of care, because no level II residential beds exist in Brevard County. Ensuring child(ren) are raised in healthy, safe, stable, and nurturing families. From April 2018-March 2019, on average, 44 children per month were moved to foster care in Brevard County. The average monthly foster care cost is estimated at \$200,942. A letter of support for this project has also been obtained from Brevard Family Partnership, the lead agency in Brevard County providing child abuse prevention.

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

In addition to level II residential treatment beds and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with an E-therapy component to all participants, a client-centered approach will be delivered through Evidenced Based Treatment Services including group therapy, individual and family counseling to address client specific needs and substance use disorders including parenting, family dysfunction, relationships or trauma. E-Therapy will allow counseling sessions with family members who are unable to attend in-person therapy sessions. Through established Memorandum of Agreements (MOA), STEPS will link all participant's to additional services unique to women's needs with appropriate community providers such as health care, pre and post-natal care, employment, education, childcare and housing. Upon completion of the residential program, participants will be transitioned to receive an appropriate level of care for continued services. Transportation will also be provided to all participants.

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

Funds for this project will provide 10 level II residential treatment beds, evidence-based group, individual and family counseling, transportation to and from treatment as well as all appointments including visitation with children in dependency care and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with an E-therapy component to Pregnant; post-partum women; and women with children who are addicted to opioids residing in Brevard County. After transitioning back to Brevard County, participants will be placed in an Outpatient program to receive aftercare and follow up services as needed.

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

Women addicted to opioids who are pregnant or post-partum; and women with children residing in Brevard County. Depending on the length of stay which is anticipated at 6 months, a total of 20 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Program outcomes will be measured through the following methods: (1) 75% of program participants will successfully complete treatment as evidenced by documentation in the discharge summary; (2) 75% of program participants will increase access to safe and sober housing as evidenced by documentation in the transition plan and discharge summary; (3) 75% of program participants will achieve reunification with their children as evidenced by documentation in child welfare case plans, the transition plan and discharge summary; (4) 75% of program participants will improve their probation outcome as evidenced by documentation in probation reports, the transition plan and discharge summary.

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?

Suggested penalties may include the following: No payment of funds to agency as a result of not admitting clients within 60 days of funding being made available; or No payment of funds to the agency if identified beds are vacant more than 30 days.



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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. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. 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
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.