



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1047

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Specialized behavioral healthcare services are needed to support adults with disabilities. While HabCenter's programming and services are provided in-person, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we implemented an additional tool in a virtual component, as people with disabilities are considered to be a high-risk population group, and are safer (and remain healthier), while limiting contact/exposure. Telemental health services are an effective tool to facilitate mental and behavioral health care through computer/phone/internet-based interaction when access to such in-person services are difficult or prohibitive. With the disruption of mental and behavioral and other therapeutic health care services caused by COVID-19, there is increasing evidence of a mounting surge in the need for in-person behavioral and mental health services or telemental health services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	103,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	103,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	103,000	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 2021-2022	103,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Habilitation Center for the Handicapped (HabCenter) relies on donations/contributions from private individuals, local businesses, private foundations and our annual event as well as revenue from our 2 business enterprises; however, all sources have experienced a sharp decline due to effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

\$491,592 - Habilitation Center for the Handicapped received Paycheck Protection Program funding which was used to continue paying our staff even though our revenue sharply decreased.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	\$100,000 to fund paraprofessionals, our internship program and our counselors who oversee the implementation of mental health services to our client population	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$3,000 to fund enhanced technology and to be able to provide technological resources to home-bound clients so that they can maintain their lifeline to HabCenter's counselors; staff travel time; other required supplies	3,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		103,000

12. Program Performance

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

HabCenter's use of telemental health during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a valuable resource which has allowed our therapists to stay connected to our client population who remain home bound and sheltering in place, and provide assistance and support during this unprecedented time. We will enhance our technological resources and also provide necessary technology to those clients who are home-bound and do not have access to such resources. We continue to provide our in person mental and behavioral health services to clients who chose to come to HabCenter and as the need to phase out telemental health presents, we can return to our full roster of programs and services, in person. Primary purpose is to provide on-site programs to HabCenter clients who suffer from symptoms of anxiety or depression or other mental health concerns. The goal is to improve their overall mental health and well-being, and their daily functioning.

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



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We provide one-on-one mental and behavioral health counseling, group counseling, group activities and more via daily telemental health calls and other electronic means of communication to those who have access to such technology and who remain home bound and sheltering in place. For those who do not have access, we will purchase the technology necessary and provide to clients who lack such technological resources or for those who continue to come to HabCenter, we will continue to provide our award-winning programs and services, in person.

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

Direct services provided will be using our one-on-one and group therapy sessions as well as group activities via a virtual platform such as Zoom so as to prevent any gap in the provision of services or in person one-on-one and group therapy sessions.

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

Adults with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.
Expected number to be served:150

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

We expect that, during this time where use of technology is necessary and a large population of our clients remain home bound and sheltering in place, services for our clients will experience no disruption and any progress that clients have made during their time at HabCenter will not be lost.

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?

Implementation of corrective action plan.

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number