



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1256

1. Project Title COVID-19 Mental Health & Wellness Program

2. Senate Sponsor Shevrin Jones

3. Date of Request 02/08/2021

4. Project/Program Description

RER Consulting Enterprise, LLC (RER) successfully launched the COVID-19 Mental Health & Wellness Program© (CHMWP). The CMHWP was developed to assist Miami-Dade County's marginalized and hard to reach population navigate the myriad challenges during and post COVID-19 pandemic. The program places an emphasis on the wide spectrum of mental health-related issues associated with disasters and pandemics using a cultural and linguistic method to engage with marginalized and hard to reach groups. RER's outreach efforts are amplified through partnerships with local Mental Health providers and Universities to provide mental health scores, brief consultations, referrals for mental and environmental services, and facilitate educational modules on coping and accessing available services during pandemics and disasters – channels which will all be used to further promote COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and vaccinations in marginalized and hard to reach populations affected by the pandemic.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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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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.

RER Consulting Enterprise LLC received \$1,000,000.00 in CARES ACT Funding from Miami-Dade County for the Covid-19 Mental Health and Wellness Program to engage with marginalized and hard to reach populations.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits.	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Other salary and benefits.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expense, equipment, travel, supplies.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Other consultants and contracted services.	30,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expense, equipment, travel, supplies.	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Other consultants and contracted services.	350,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

Promote COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and vaccinations in marginalized and hard to reach populations affected by the pandemic.

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

Engaging Marginalized or hard to reach populations to assess how they were affected by the Covid-19 Virus, encourage this population to be tested, take part in contact tracing, and vaccination.

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

RER Consulting Enterprise LLC estimates it can effectively reach approximately 20,000 marginalized and hard to reach community members within African American, Black, Hispanic, and Anglo populations.



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

RER Consulting will conduct the following services to citizens to fulfill the key performance indicators of the appropriation project.

- Administering Surveys
- Mental Health and Wellness Modules
- Mental Health Consultation and referral
- Environmental assessment and referral
- Contact Tracing
- Promote COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination

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?

None.

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