



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1412

1. Project Title Medication Assisted Treatment & Telehealth Enhanced Recovery (MATTER)

2. Senate Sponsor Lauren Book

3. Date of Request 02/04/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Memorial Healthcare requests funds to address the continuing opioid epidemic in South Florida by further expanding Medication Assisted Treatment & Telehealth Enhanced Recovery (MATTER). This vital program provides immediate access to our continuum of care for substance abuse and mental health treatment, with a focus on expansion of its telehealth platform and services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MATTER increases our community's capacity to respond to the opioid crisis that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the increased overdose rates, as well as increased medical and mental health issues among the population. MATTER will provide same-day access to a comprehensive addiction treatment program staffed by a multidisciplinary team for 100 persons, along with an integrated primary and behavioral health home for 100 persons and community-based outreach services to 500 persons at-risk for substance abuse per year.

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 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	94%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	30,000	6%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	530,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	376	No

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.

Memorial has received \$184,232,763 in federal CARES Act funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic; to maintain service capacity; to convert and upgrade space for surge capacity; to provide skilled nursing facility infection control; to provide PPE, testing and telehealth support for patients with HIV; and for assisting uninsured patients. This includes \$183,220,609 in HHS CARES Relief; \$128,281 in HHS/HRSA/Ryan White; \$236,873 in HHS/ASPR; and \$647,000 in HHS/HRSA/Uninsured.

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	APRN (1.0 FTE) \$129,792 (Provides medical and behavioral health evaluations and management of persons with opioid use disorders); Clinical Pharmacist (0.5 FTE) \$69,888 (provides consultations and medications for patients); Licensed Clinical Therapist (1.0 FTE) \$87,360 (initiates plan of care, provides group and individual counseling and engages patients into the program); and Medical Assistant (1.0 FTE) \$39,936 (conducts health screenings and care coordination); Medical Assistant (1.0 FTE).	446,160
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Interactive Telehealth Platform with audiovisual equipment, professional integration services, installation, licensing and maintenance \$32,196; Telehealth Devices for Patients - I pads (5th generation) with 2-Year Apple Protection and Otterbox Cases \$4,400 Telehealth Devices for Treatment Staff - 6 laptops @ \$1,300 = \$7,800; 6 laptops @ \$1,470 = \$8,820.	53,840
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)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Medication Assisted Treatment and Telehealth Enhanced Recovery (MATTER) will reduce substance abuse and improve the physical and mental health of adults with opioid use disorder in Broward County. Memorial's multidisciplinary team will decrease opioid-related overdoses, fatalities and neonates born free of illicit substances through same-day access to medication assisted treatment and ongoing recovery support. MATTER will also improve the participant's physical health by providing an integrated primary and behavioral health home for persons in recovery from opioid use disorder.

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



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Memorial will provide a comprehensive addiction treatment program, an integrated primary and behavioral health home and ongoing recovery support services using both an in-person and an enhanced telehealth platform. A multidisciplinary staff will conduct outreach and education on the physical and mental health toll caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including approaches to treat anxiety, depression and opioid use disorders.

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

Memorial will provide substance abuse outreach and education, along with emergency department addiction treatment induction (detoxification), overdose prevention, medication assisted treatment, psychiatric treatment, integrated primary and behavioral health, prenatal care, infectious disease treatment, co-morbidity treatment, COVID-19 testing and treatment and ongoing recovery support. Services will be available both in-person and through an enhanced telehealth platform.

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

Memorial will benefit the state by targeting the following: 1) adults in Broward County with opioid use disorders and/or poor physical health, including pregnant women, who access services at Memorial's emergency departments, hospitals or outpatient facilities; 2) adults who are referred by community providers; or 3) adults who self-refer for program services. Memorial will also provide substance abuse outreach and education for a minimum of 500 at-risk adults; immediate access to comprehensive substance abuse treatment, including medication assisted treatment (MAT), for a minimum of 100 persons; and an integrated health home for 100 adults with opioid use disorders (OUD).

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

Medication Assisted Treatment & Telehealth Enhanced Recovery (MATTER) will result in an annual cost savings of \$1.64 million in reduced NICU stays, inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits.

The methodology includes the following:

- The average Medicaid reimbursement for an infant requiring a NICU stay (APR-DRG 6251) due to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome is \$8,016 versus \$961 for a normal newborn (APR-DRG 6261). For 20 babies born drug-free each year, Memorial could save the state \$141,000 for the hospital stay.

- The average Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient hospitalizations due to opioid complications is \$16,000 versus \$486 for a non-fatal opioid overdose treated in the ED. For 100 persons engaged in this program through the ED and linked to medication assisted treatment, Memorial could save the state \$1.5 million.

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?

Memorial Healthcare System is willing to discuss additional penalties with the contracting agency as part of the contract negotiation process.

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

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b. Municipality and County Broward

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) Special Taxing District

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