



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1707

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Peace River Center obtained one-time funding from CFBHN during this fiscal year to establish a Sheriff's Outreach Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) in addition to their existing Mobile Crisis Response Team covering Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties. The program has allowed Peace River to provide a MCRT physical presence in the Polk County Sheriff's 911 Communications Center (SO911) and up to five (5) substations across Polk County. The Sheriff's Outreach program works closely with Deputies on the street and in the Call Center to assist in crisis intervention of individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder issues they may encounter in the community with a goal of diverting individuals from unnecessary jail bookings as well as emergency room, crisis stabilization unit and hospital use. Placement of an MCRT Counselor in the SO911 will enable the 911 call takers to divert behavioral health calls to our trained MCRT crisis counselors reducing the need for law enforcement.

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	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	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	850,000	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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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.

Paycheck Protection Program funds (\$3,655,580) used for staff salary expenses. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (\$157,466) for lost program service revenue used for operating expenses.

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	General and Administrative cost allocation is estimated to be 10% of total project cost and is comprised of an allocation of the Administrative, Finance, Human Resource, Patient Billing and Purchasing departments.	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for 13.4 FTE's (full time equivalents). Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, vacation, workers compensation and unemployment costs.	662,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses include staff travel, trainings, software fees, malpractice and property insurance, cell phone and internet, maintenance and information services costs, and office supplies.	103,000
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)		850,000

12. Program Performance

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

Placement of a Peace River Center MCRT Counselor in the Polk County Sheriff's Office 911 Communications Center will enable the 911 call takers to divert behavioral health calls to our trained MCRT crisis counselors. These calls could potentially be turned over to the Mobile Crisis Response Team for behavioral health intervention rather than a law enforcement intervention. Where appropriate, Deputies and MCRT Counselors stationed in the Outreach Offices would partner on the behavioral health crisis call. MCRT Counselors would then follow-up post intervention to ensure linkage to appropriate services. This MCRT Outreach presence would be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

1. Embed crisis counselors in law enforcement 911 call center 24/7/365 and Sheriff Outreach offices across Polk County in 12-hour shifts 7 days a week. 2. MCRT crisis counselors will join in or respond to crisis call questions received by the 911 call center; check available Peace River data base for prior mental health history of callers; provide advice and counsel to the 911 call dispatch and responding deputies during calls; dispatch other PRC crisis counselors as necessary to calls. 3. Dispatched crisis counselors will work with on-scene deputies to assess and de-escalate crisis situations; work with deputies to identify if community based services can meet the individual's needs or if a Baker Act is necessary; link individuals to community-based services to divert/avoid a Baker Act, if determined to be appropriate; provide post crisis assessment follow up after contact; provide follow up after discharge from an inpatient Baker Act stay within Polk County.



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

Placement of MCRT staff in the Sheriff's Office Substations will allow MCRT staff to work closely with Deputies to assist in crisis intervention and follow up with individuals with mental health issues they may encounter in the community resulting in diverting arrests through addressing the presenting crises, connecting individuals to appropriate community-based resources, alleviating further crises, and when necessary, facilitating the Baker Act process as needed.

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

PRC would be serving all ages of individuals who are in crisis or require follow up from a recent crisis situation. There will not be restrictions on access so that there are no barriers in terms of appropriate and equal access to care. There were 7,648 Baker Acts (BA) in Polk County with 22.75% associated with children for FY17/18 according the State Baker Act Annual Report (most recent published data). From FY 2011 to FY 2018 the total population of Polk County has grown by 9.89% while the growth in BA's for all ages has grown by approximately 109%. The number of Baker Acts associated with children (under age 18) has grown by approximately 139.5% (from 726 per year to 1,739 per year) with the adult population Baker Acts growing approximately 101.5% (from 2,932 per year to 5,909 per year). Involuntary examinations of individuals of all ages and specifically for minors have increased more rapidly than the population.

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

This project will enable PRC to be present in and work alongside deputies in the 911 Call Center and Sheriff Outreach Offices across Polk County related to Baker Act and Marchman Act related calls, issues and follow-up. The goal is to reduce and divert individuals in our communities from required law enforcement Baker Act actions by de-escalating on-scene situations, referral and linkage to outpatient community resources and services. A potential measure of success is a reduction of the percent of Baker Act calls resulting in inpatient crisis stabilization unit or hospitalization use (Baker Act Rate).

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?

Peace River Center would work with our Managing Entity and DCF to develop any necessary and appropriate penalties if performance measures are not achieved.

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