



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1153

1. Project Title Dual Diagnosis Services: Mental Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

2. Senate Sponsor Linda Stewart

3. Date of Request 11/01/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Specialized behavioral healthcare services are needed to support individuals with mental health disorders in combination with intellectual/developmental disabilities, identified as dual diagnosis. This project will provide a program model to deliver specialized therapeutic services aimed to provide immediate access to critical support to deescalate critical situations while using safe and positive approaches. Support offered through this project will mitigate the need for more costly services, reduce recidivism, provide supportive resources so that families remain intact and ensure placement is stabilized, provide parent/caregiver support to address behavioral challenges in a community setting, while also offering care coordination for services available through additional resources. Funding from the legislature for this project will support our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen families and promote well-being.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	93%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	40,000	7%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	540,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	350,000	242	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.

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Florida received CARES Act Funding to offset staff dedication and retention incentives, support for sign-on incentives to on-board direct service providers to ensure appropriate staffing ratios throughout the pandemic, and COVID-19 expenses related to the provision of PPE.

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	10% administrative overhead to include administrative support, human resources, quality management, risk management, information technology, finance and payroll, communications, training and development	45,454
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Behaviorally trained clinicians, portion of clinical coordinator and portion of program admin, training and outreach support position.	370,553
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Occupancy, telephones, data lines, equipment rental maintenance, office supplies, travel, training materials and supplies.	75,993
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant services with board certified behavior analyst for peer review, professional consultation for review of third party outcome study, development of impact report.	8,000
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?

The purpose of this program is to expand the capacity and quality of services to individuals with dual diagnosis of mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities, providing immediate access to treatment strategies designed to mitigate critical situations and reduce the need for more costly services, while providing resources strengthen families and promote well-being.

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

Treatment for individuals with Autism and related disorders requires care delivered by expert clinicians formally trained to deliver treatment based on behavioral principles, while individuals with mental health challenges require specialized support to address emotional response to situations presented. Services delivered through this project will include immediate access to this combination of specialized care, delivered on-site in the community where an individual may reside, attend school, work, or engage in community activities and offer parent/caregiver education and support in a community or remote setting.

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



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Direct services will be provided to address critical situations and provide ongoing support as indicated; a) provide timely, individualized behavioral health interventions/assessments, in the least restrictive environment; by expertly trained professionals focused on rapid crisis de-escalation and resolution in collaboration with families b) facilitate support and community integration through case plan development and linking family with support services and resources c) training and education for parents/caregivers and professionals, such as school personnel and medical staff.

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

The target population for those served through this project includes individuals with mental health disorders, combined with an intellectual/developmental disability, and those who are in need of critical mental health services, provided by clinical experts proficient in the application of evidence-based interventions and supports. Approximately 120-240 annually.

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

The intended benefit of this project is to reduce incidents resulting in self-injurious physical harm and harm to others, while also minimizing hospitalizations and the need for more costly services. The performance of this project will be measured by the provision of highly specialized services that result in crisis de-escalation and placement stabilization as well as the number of individuals served, and the frequency of services and support provide to the community.

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?

Performance metrics and evaluation are established, any penalty measures are welcomed if metrics and objectives are not met.

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