



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1543

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To continue the growth and expansion of the CAIR Center into a fully functioning Central Receiving System that provides crisis assessment, intervention, and referral services along with transitional care beds for St Johns County through a collaborative effort by Flagler Hospital, EPIC Behavioral, and SMA Healthcare. The goal is to provide centralized access to Mental health and Substance Use services in the community for adult and youth populations by reducing the fragmentation and miscommunication during level of care transitions, improving access to crisis related services including assessment, stabilization, brief intervention, and referral, to enhance the network of care coordination services among community partners, and reducing unnecessary contacts with ECC or law enforcement.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	8,015,100
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	8,015,100

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)	8,015,100	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 2022-2023	8,015,100	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	1,250,000	367	No

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	1 FTE salary and benefits	108,600
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	10 patient transitional care rooms for both youth and adult @ \$1,200 per diem (includes costs associated with direct patient care (operations costs and staff salaries) for 365 days at Flagler Hospital = \$4,380,000; 4 out-patient exam/counseling rooms for clinical services \$320,000	4,700,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Psychiatrist (Adult & Child Certified) @ \$ 300,000 = \$600,000; 3 FTE ARNP @ \$140,000 = \$420,000; 4 FTE Assessment screener @ \$45,000 = \$180,000; 3 FTE Licensed Mental Health Professional @ \$75,000 = \$225,000; 5 FTE Masters Level Care Coordinators @ \$60,000 = \$400,000; 3.5 FTE RN @ \$65,000 = \$227,500; 6 FTE MHT @ \$38,000 = \$228,000	2,280,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase and maintenance of unit equipment.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Telehealth provider contract for after hours for 12 months.	426,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,015,100

12. Program Performance

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

St Johns County Behavioral Health Consortium and community needs assessment, many gaps in services have been identified. Although a CRS will not solve all the issues in the current Behavioral Health system, a CRS will provide a central location for individuals seeking behavioral health services to access crisis services if needed, connection to community providers via care coordinators, reduce unnecessary contact with ECC and LEO, and enhance the overall experience of individuals seeking services. These additional funds will allow for growth and expansion of the CAIR Center into full operation.

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

CAIR Center will provide 24/7 access for all individuals to crisis assessment, brief interventions, referral services, transitional care, and coordinated connection to outpatient service providers; enhancing individual experience of service utilizers, improving behavioral health of St Johns County, and reducing emergency room visits and law enforcement contacts for youth and adult populations. CAIR Center will work to divert unnecessary Baker Acts, provide diversion from the criminal justice system, and reduce recidivism to the hospital. CAIR Center will establish a robust care coordination program that provides ongoing follow-up and connections to resources for both the individual and their family.

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



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CAIR center will streamline crisis stabilization and outpatient behavioral health services for residents of St Johns County by providing immediate access to screening, assessment, intervention, referrals to community based providers and services, and transition to higher level of care when necessary. CAIR Center will provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for anyone seeking assistance. CAIR Center staff will provide direct connection and warm hand off to outpatient providers, care coordination services for additional follow up and to ensure the needs of the individual and family are met, and bridge services when needed.

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

St Johns County includes 3 cities and towns and 10 zip codes. The estimated county population is 243,812 by US Census Bureau 2017 with an overall projection to continue to increase each year as St Johns County is growing 3x faster than the overall growth of the state. This same 2017 survey identified the addiction and depression in the top 3 health problems in the community as well as Mental Health/Counseling as one of the most difficult services to obtain. Currently, Flagler Hospital ECC is the hub for the majority of crisis evaluations. Flagler Hospital Crisis Counselors evaluated an average of 2,400 adults each year, half are involuntary assessments, with the rest being voluntary assessments, requests for detox assistance, and other outpatient referrals. Currently St Johns County youth in crisis are sent to out of county facilities for all crisis care. The CAIR Center intends to serve all residents and visitors of St Johns County, regardless of age or socioeconomic status.

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

Children and youth in crisis will no longer be automatically sent to Baker Act receiving units in Jacksonville or Daytona Beach- the only Pediatric CON receiving facilities in Northeast Florida. The wrap around services needed to meaningfully intervene in the lives of young people will be provided with Flagler Hospital as the anchor and involving all other community providers including the public and private schools, fire rescue, police and sheriff officers, mental health providers, substance abuse interventionists, and others. The expected outcome is to minimize Baker Act admissions for both youth and adults, reduce trauma for children and families, reduce long term costs of behavioral health care expenses, reduce recidivism to emergency services, and increase diversion from the criminal justice system.

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?

Withhold payments if the program does not demonstrate effectiveness.

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