



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1611

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose of the funds is to provide transitional long-term counseling services beyond the initial trauma response assessment and clinical interventions required for 30 individuals and/or families who have been impacted by the collapse of Champlain Towers South in Surfside that occurred on June 24, 2021. Jewish Community Services (JCS) provides culturally-responsive services to individuals and families that include trauma-informed counseling with a focus on crisis response, debriefing, stabilization and grief counseling offered in English, Spanish, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, and French either via a HIPAA compliant tele-mental health platform or in person. We anticipate serving this population of direct survivors as well as family members for a 12 month time frame. Clients will be served regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, and ability to pay for services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	252,760
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>252,760</b>

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)	252,760	24%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	800,000	76%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,052,760</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?  Yes

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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Yes

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

CARES Act - \$105,843.53 - supportive services and counseling to seniors.  
 CARES Act - \$166,230.87 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.  
 Families First COVID-19 C1 - \$85,327.10 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.  
 Families First COVID-19 C2 - \$300,033.75 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.  
 CCAA - \$231,393.82 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.  
 ARP C1 - \$94,192.44 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.  
 ARP C2 - \$257,746.12 - nutrition services/meals to seniors.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director of Clinical Services (.10 FTE)	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptops for 4 clinicians @ \$750 each, cell phone reimbursement for each clinician @ \$50/month, \$.54/mile with a total of 4,000 miles, staff development \$300/clinician	8,760
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	4 Licensed, clinical mental health counselors will provide trauma-informed counseling services for a period of 12 months to 30 impacted clients.	234,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>252,760</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The dramatic surge in need for mental health counseling and supportive services resulting in new clients seeking these services as a result of the Surfside tragedy has increased the need to build capacity to fund long-term mental health services for these populations. Many lost all of their possessions and may not be able to return to work until there is a period of stabilization and normalization in their lives. This results in the need to subsidize trauma informed care services for long-term therapy. These new individuals and families need access to services immediately and will require long-term support, anticipated between 3-5 years after a disaster. Our professional team of mental health professionals will provide culturally competent, trauma-informed care.

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

Licensed clinical mental health professionals will serve a total of 30 clients for a 12 month period providing one counseling session per week. The counseling session will be provided via a HIPAA compliant tele-mental health platform or in person, depending on client preference. Upon initial intake, the clinician and client identify a treatment plan with specific and individual goals. Client will be assessed at 6 months and again at the 12 month mark to identify if goals have been achieved or if goals/services provided need to be adjusted.

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



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Trauma-informed mental health counseling services will be provided either via our HIPAA tele-mental health platform or in person. This will be dependent upon the client's request. Clients will receive mental health support for a 12 month period.

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

The target population for these funds are those individuals and families who have been severely impacted by the Surfside building collapse. Services will be provided regardless of the individual or families race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or ability to pay. We anticipate serving approximately 30 individuals and/or families.

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

80% of clients will demonstrate a decrease in symptomology and report positive mental well-being. This is assessed by the Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale (CFARS) and Functional Assessment Rating Scale (FARS) for adults at the 6 month time frame and at planned discharge. A comprehensive sliding scale model is implemented to track payment via reduced cost enabling those to receive services who may be unable to afford the true cost of services, which is \$150 per session.

**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?**

There is a severe adverse impact in denying emotional and psychological support to those who were impacted by the tragic event of Champlain Towers South collapse. Should these clients not be provided trauma-informed mental health counseling support to address immediate needs, they risk employability and ultimately self-sufficiency.

**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