



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1954

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

HOPE is a community-wide coordinated approach to mental health and substance abuse prevention, education, early intervention and service coordination using peer/family navigators. HOPE's target population is youth and young adults (0-25), their families, and caregivers. The project aims to meld best practice prevention and education approaches with evidence-based peer-led services to effectively identify emotional distress and problem behaviors in young people before a crisis occurs, and intervene early by accessing services that have historically been provided at later points in time, often after problem behaviors have caused significant impairment and/or trauma for the youth and family members, and avoidable high financial costs.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	76%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	80,000	24%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	330,000	100%

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.

Sarasota County recently passed an ordinance creating a Mental Health Dependent District. Funding priorities will be determined based on task force recommendations and community needs.



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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.

\$82,500 CARES Act funding for mental health programming (related to support and education) and outreach efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020). Additionally, support for training for young adult peers and young adult programming.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Administrative Oversight (Family & Peer Services Director) and supervision.	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Youth peer navigators (3) and family peer navigators (3).	210,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Education campaign, related collateral costs.	15,000
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)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

HOPE is building off a successful pilot project for family peer navigation now in year two. Through HOPE we will effectively increase opportunities for identification, prevention, education, and early implementation of evidence-based service models that can reduce the costs of later and more expensive care, while creating and supporting better life outcomes for our community's youth and their families.

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

Specific activities include: Listening to the family's needs and offers peer support. Focuses on the family's strengths to overcome challenges. Promotes Family/Youth Voice and Choice; Creates opportunities for skill building to support resilience and recovery. Identifies system barriers and advocates for consumer's needs; Assists the family in navigating the behavioral health system and connects them to community resources. Acts as a liaison between the adolescent/young adult, parent(s)/family, and the behavioral health system; and Participates in meetings with the school district, law enforcement, and medical providers alongside the family, as requested.

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

There is growing national recognition of the value of parent peer support and the ways in which it can benefit families and children in recovery. Family peer navigation focuses on prevention and intervention to inform, empower, and equip families, individuals, and youth to live a self-directed life of recovery. The navigator(s) work in collaboration with the local hospital, school district, mental health providers, and families.

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



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Families and caregivers of youth and young adults (0-25). As of June 2021 the pilot program had engaged 31 families, 16 with intensive intervention, 12 with information and referral and 3 to be determined. With additional youth peer and family peer navigators in the system of care we anticipate serving 200 families

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

Outcomes include increased opportunities for identification, prevention, education, and early implementation of evidence-based service models that can reduce the costs of later and more expensive care, while creating and supporting better life outcomes for our community's youth and their families. A families' ability to advocate is assessed upon intake and at closure using a three-point scale – do for, do with, and cheer on – representing the relative role of the navigator and the family.

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?

Withdraw funding or contract with different provider.

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