



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2155

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will help expand access to care and provide First Step of Sarasota the ability to better serve the community by providing a full continuum of care at one location. Co-locating our Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Detox programs will relieve the over-utilization of county resources, resulting in a reduced burden to taxpayers. The project will help support our "No Wrong Door" philosophy by providing crisis triage, assessment, and 24-hour access to services.

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	1,675,180
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,675,180

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)	1,675,180	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	1,675,180	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.

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

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



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Approximately \$3.1 million was received in 2020 related to the Payroll Protection Program. These funds were utilized to pay salaries for approximately 10 weeks.

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	Administrative costs (14%)	205,860
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Counselors (10.3 FTE) \$434,408; Nurses (4.7 FTE) \$390,893; Techs (4.7 FTE) \$166,638; Director of Access Center \$70,000; Plus fringe benefits at 26% \$276,104	1,338,043
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle \$40,000; Maintenance/Fuel \$6,000; Transports (avg 5 per month) \$8,100; Pharmacy \$6,000; Supplies \$3,000	63,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract Physician/On-call \$65,000; Study \$3,177	68,177
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,675,180

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will help expand access to care and grant us the ability to better serve the community by providing a full continuum of care at one location. Collocating our Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Detox programs will relieve the overutilization of county resources, resulting in a reduced burden to the tax payers. The project will help support our "No Wrong Door" philosophy by providing crisis triage, assessment, and 24 hour access to services.

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

One centralized location for crisis support and substance abuse/detox assessment services. This location will provide 24/7 assessment services for anyone with substance or mental health problems. Individual's will have access to nursing and crisis services.

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

This funding will provide direct 24/7 centralized access to mental health and substance use assessment, stabilization, detox and treatment for our citizens. The services will also serve to reduce the need for inpatient admissions while reducing the burden on local law enforcement and emergency services.

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

Individuals who suffer from mental health and substance abuse disorders. Individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. We anticipate to serve 2500 individuals per year.

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



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Reduce the need for emergency services and law enforcement transport between two separate locations. Access center case managers will assess and refer to case management, vocational and housing services. The clients be able to use learned skills to become economically self-sufficient.

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?

Standard penalties.

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.

There are no owners. The entity is a non-profit organization, 501 (c) (3). They operate with a Board and President/CEO.



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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