



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2170

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Funding is requested for the construction of a Coordinated Central Receiving Facility to serve Alachua County and the surrounding communities in Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Putnam Counties. The facility will reduce the burden of indigent care on Hospital Emergency Departments and Public Receiving Facilities for services to individuals without insurance brought in by law enforcement. The facility will provide triage outside hospital settings, mitigate unnecessary referrals to Emergency Departments, provide quality & care coordination for individuals; and mitigate unnecessary jail admissions.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	496,850
Total State Funds Requested	496,850

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)	496,850	26%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,419,777	74%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,916,627	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.**
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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.

CARES \$1,213,734 - reimbursement for PPE, food for the homeless, COVID expenses. ARPA - HOME - \$1,968,639 - to be used for homeless assistance and supportive services. ARPA - Regional Transit System - 14,481,737 - designated for transit related expenses. ARPA - General Government - \$16,204,402 received to date - currently being evaluated by governing board (City Commission) for uses.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expansion of Meridian facility - to build a new mental health central space as the area's new central receiving system (which currently does not exist) to include: General Contractor \$419,050; Architect \$27,000; Impact Fees \$6,600; Security \$10,000; Furnishings and Misc. \$24,200; Landscaping \$2,000; IT/Equipment \$8,000.	496,850
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		496,850

12. Program Performance

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

A Central Receiving Facility would enhance access to timely, crisis, mental health and substance use disorder services, all of which do not currently exist in a coordinated manner within the current framework of services provided in the greater Gainesville - North Central Florida region that includes five other counties.

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

- 1) Provide a single drop-off location for law enforcement with those Baker Acted.
- 2) Provide a walk-in emergency treatment.
- 3) Reduce the burden of indigent care on local Emergency Departments.
- 4) Promote increased collaboration with specialized treatment.

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

The new central receiving facility will provide medical screening for any necessary emergency treatment, evaluation for specific detox or other in-patient or out-patient services, crisis counseling, medication, referrals for other services, and peer support.

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



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The targeted population includes those individuals who suffer from psychiatric disorders along with substance abuse issues. Approximately 3,500 individuals are expected to be served, most in Gainesville/Alachua County. However, current estimates also show use by individuals from surrounding rural communities in Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, and Putnam Counties as well.

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

Care coordination, supportive aftercare services, and improved information-sharing amongst providers. Enhancements for the North Central Florida region at-large with access to family and caregiver navigators and crisis counselors, ability to do follow-up via telehealth, and other coordinated follow-up services that currently are utilized amongst multiple systems. Outcomes will be measured by increased efficiency, lower service fragmentation, and cost-savings benefits. The City of Gainesville in Alachua County does not currently have a central receiving facility for those Baker Acted. The City of Gainesville recognizes the incredible need for coordinated care for treatment to help reduce the burden of indigent care on local emergency rooms, hence supports our community's premiere mental health provider in fulfilling this need.

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?

Failing to provide deliverables shall result in a 10% reduction in funding until said deliverable are furnished. If failure continues beyond 90 days then a reduction of 20% monthly funding shall occur.

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.

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is the proposed owner of the facility.



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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