

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2488

-	Enhancing Utilization and Accessibility: Pembroke Pines Behavioral Health Campus
	Campus

2. Senate Sponsor Lauren Book

3. Date of Request 12/14/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Critical capital improvements to the Pembroke Pines Behavioral Health Campus, including mandated parking (at least 140 spaces to comply with city parking ordinances) and elevator modernization (to make additional floors accessible to clients and staff) will enable hundreds of under-resourced Floridians from Broward and surrounding counties with substance use and/or mental health disorders to access life-changing science-based recovery-oriented treatment and recovery support services, diverting many from the criminal justice system, improving self-sufficiency, and strengthening families. These improvements will enhance access to vital recovery services, making the campus a central and functional community resource.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,139,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,139,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,139,000	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 2024-2025	4,139,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No		

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?

No



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Yes

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

PPP FY 2021 in the amount of 1,651,359 that was utilized for payroll protection.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

O Planning O Design O Construction O N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

No	
August 2024	
July 2025	

12. List 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.

A state-owned property and facility. The Village South, Inc. has a 37-year renewable lease with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

13. 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/Majo	r Renovation:	•
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Capital enhancements at the Pembroke Pines Behavioral Health Campus include constructing necessary parking for optimal facility use (at least 140 spaces) and modernizing the main building's elevator to ensure access to the second floor for service recipients, staff, and visitors.	4,139,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	4,139,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Upgrades at the Pembroke Pines Behavioral Health Campus, such as required parking construction and elevator modernization for enhanced accessibility, will transform the site into a vital community hub. It will provide key behavioral health services to under-served adults, many entwined with the justice system needing combined treatment for coexisting substance use and mental health disorders.

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

Services will include a secure residential behavioral health treatment using science-based programs and practices, adult forensic mental health, medication assisted treatment, case management, peer support, life skills, family counseling as needed, employment and vocational training and linkages, a full array of medical and acute psychiatric services.

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

It is estimated that that as many as 200 individuals annually will benefit from the renovations. This diverse group encompasses people from all genders, adult age groups, racial and cultural backgrounds, socio-economic standings, as well as varied educational and employment histories. Specifically, our program aims to assist individuals with co-occurring behavioral health disorders (COD), which means they have two or more concurrent conditions. Among these are individuals struggling with mental health challenges, those without employment, economically disadvantaged individuals, elderly persons, child welfare involved families, victims of crime, drug users seeking health services, individuals who are currently or have been incarcerated in the past, and those involved as drug offenders within the criminal justice system.

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

be measured?

The program aims to bring about multiple positive outcomes for its participants. We anticipate that participants will show marked improvements in psychiatric symptoms and overall mental functioning. Furthermore, our goal is to bolster the economic self-sufficiency of participants, ensuring an increase in employment rates among those with co-occurring behavioral health disorders (COD) during their time in the program. Another significant objective is to reduce recidivism by diverting individuals from the criminal justice system. Also, we aim to see decreased rates among participants during the program and after their discharge. Additionally, we aspire for our participants to remain drug-free and not relapse during their treatment. To gauge the effectiveness of these interventions, we will rely on program data, documenting individual participant progress as recorded by our dedicated staff.

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?

Mandatory corrective action and performance improvement activities.

15. Requester Contact Information

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b. Municipality and	b. Municipality and County Broward				



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c. Organization Type

□For Profit Entity	□For Profit Entity					
☑Non Profit 501(c	⊠Non Profit 501(c)(3)					
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)					
□Local Entity	□Local Entity					
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