



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3135

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Came to Believe Recovery (CTBR), a specialized addiction recovery provider, will conduct recovery retreats throughout Florida partnering with agencies such as local rehabilitation centers, missions, public offerings and the Salvation Army. CTBR will bring their unique and proven curriculum and process to Floridians in need through an innovative 3-day retreat model. The funds will allow Came To Believe, working with others, to reach hundreds of individuals in need of hope and a plan for an addiction-free future. A similar partnership model already exists between the Salvation Army and Came to Believe throughout California and is flourishing and is expected to reach 7,000 men and women in 2025 alone.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	50,000	9%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

### 12. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	All funds will be utilized to execute the Come to Believe Recovery program throughout the State of Florida, beginning first with the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Centers. We anticipate beginning will be within the Army's Addiction Recovery Center in downtown Orlando first, but also in targeted retreat model offerings throughout Orange and Osceola counties and then throughout the state over the course of the year.	500,000
<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>500,000</b>

### 13. 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?**

Came to Believe Recovery has its foundation in the original 12 step program. We bring the most successful Alcoholism/addiction program ever created to attendees. We present the program in the same way it was being presented back when it was first introduced. Our founders have a direct connection to one of the first 40 members of AA that helped create the program, so, with firsthand knowledge we have developed and executed successfully on the program. Along with presenting the entire program we offer follow up support curriculum and templates for meetings and leadership development.

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

Came to Believe provides a three day in person retreat/workshop with experts brought in to run the program. There are large group and small group sessions over the three days. The 12 steps are taught in a way that allows attendees to continue the process for a lifetime. They are left with a 20-module course curriculum taught by substance abuse staff. Continued support and "practice" of the process learned through the steps are provided through a local representative.

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

Persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, drug users, drug offenders, and victims of crime.

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

Alcoholism and addiction account for nearly 40% of all negative health conditions. Diseases and infection rates are higher amongst those suffering from addiction. Liver, stomach and lung ailments are rampant and occur at much higher rates than the general public. Addiction costs the State of Florida between 43-68 billion dollars a year. Addicts average \$10-20,000 more in healthcare costs annually. It is estimated that addiction costs each resident of Florida \$1,900 a year. Addiction has a profound effect on mental health. Rates of depression, suicide, and anxiety are higher in those suffering from substance abuse. These ailments affect family, work, school, relationships and health. All individuals served with the program will be tracked and outcomes measured. Within the Salvation Army setting we would be able to track the decrease in medical issues while individuals were in the ARC. Surveys and polls can be taken to help measure health care outcomes after they graduate.

**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 in the contract?**

Refund unspent funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?



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- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

#### 17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 18. 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



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☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*