



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1367

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Citrus Health Network's Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week to offer brief, intensive services for individuals who are acutely mentally ill and experiencing a mental health crisis, with the goal of examining, stabilizing, and redirecting them to the most appropriate and least restrictive treatment setting they need. Citrus's Assessment and Emergency Services (AES) Department is open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week operating as a psychiatric emergency room to ensure that individuals in need of mental health services receive quality screenings, evaluations, and determinations of suicidality. Citrus' CSU and AES services are crucial round-the-clock and emergency mental health services, especially for indigent, uninsured, underinsured, and homeless populations in the South Florida community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	34%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,026,914	35%
Local	467,316	8%
Other	1,338,977	23%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>5,833,207</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		
2025-26	455,000	2,000,000	363	No

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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In lieu of state funding, Citrus will have to utilize revenues from other programs to cover the costs of the Crisis Stabilization Unit and Assessment and Emergency Services.

## 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	The funding requested will be used to cover costs of staffing the CSU and AES 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. Increases in minimum wage, as well as higher demand for licensed mental health professionals, nurses, and other staff in the field have increased staffing costs and retention costs.	2,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>2,000,000</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?**

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

CSU: Brief, intensive services for individuals who are acutely mentally ill and experiencing a mental health crisis. Services offered include the following, as appropriate and clinically indicated: Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale Screening, Psychiatric Evaluation, Nursing Assessment and Nursing Services, Medication Management, Individual, Group, Family Therapy, Safety Planning, Care Coordination  
AES: Mental health screenings, evaluations, determinations of suicidality, and linkage to services including outpatient psychiatry and psychotherapy, crisis stabilization, mental health case management, and other behavioral health services.

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

The target populations to be served by this project are persons with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless persons, and developmentally disabled persons.  
CSU: Project funds will be used to serve 700 individuals, providing 1,065 bed days for uninsured and underinsured individuals in need of crisis stabilization due to a mental health crisis.  
AES: Project funds will be used to serve 1,000 individuals, providing mental health screenings, evaluations, determinations of suicidality and linkage to services for uninsured and under insured individuals in need of assessment and emergency behavioral health services.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to improve mental health. The specific measures to be used for the CSU are 1. Bed days provided to clients who have an unfunded day of care, 2. Readmission Rate based on clients who had multiple admissions during the time period, and 3. Clients with stable housing situation.  
The specific measures to be used for AES are:  
1. number of clients served who are uninsured or under insured  
2. number of screenings and evaluations provided.  
The outcomes will be measured using Citrus' Electronic Health Records.

**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?**

The Citrus Health Network Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit is licensed by both the Florida Department of Children and Families as a Public Baker Act Receiving Facility and the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration as a Crisis Stabilization Unit. Both licenses require that the Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit remain open 24/7, the adjacent Assessment and Emergency Services Department is also open 24/7, including to serve uninsured and underinsured clients. Citrus would work closely with DCF to ensure continued operations and compliance with deliverables.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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

☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)



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- ☐ 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?**

- ☐ 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**



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- ☐ 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  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.*