



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1753

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Derya Williams Campus (DWC) in Jacksonville provides residential substance abuse treatment and supportive housing services for individuals ages 18 and older seeking treatment for opioid and other substance use, and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, support for HIV and AIDS, and supportive housing to address chronic homelessness. Nine structures on the DWC campus need dire repairs, renovations, maintenance, or replacement. Repairs are needed to improve safety, appearance, and to become energy efficient.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	280,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	520,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	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 2023-2024	800,000	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?



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

Federal assistance related to the Covid-19 pandemic totaled \$1,155,981.87 and was used for salaries, PPE, rent, and utilities.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 31, 2023

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.

River Region Human Services, Inc. is the owner of the facility and the recipient of any Fixed Capital Outlay funding.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The project manager will manage the project from beginning to end. This is a temporary position. The position will oversee the project and ensure that all vendors are paid for the work performed.	30,000
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	This project will include the purchase of equipment, rental supplies, appliances, furniture, upgrade to efficiency lighting, replacement of smoke alarms, and sanitizing, cleaning, and painting.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovations will be made to bring the building into code compliance, improving energy efficiency, renovating 43 bathrooms, 96 floor replacement rooms, mold remediation, and installing a handicap ramp and fire escape.	520,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal is to improve and replace residential campus structures so that critical services can continue to be provided in a structurally safe, code-compliant, and welcoming environment. With the rise of illicit drug use in Duval County, River Region Human Services (RRHS) believes that with treatment and supportive services, we can help those individuals struggling with addiction and provide them treatment in a safe, suitable, and supportive environment.

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

The objectives are:

- 1) Improve energy efficiency with safety and compliance of facilities through upgraded fixtures.
- 2) Improve the quality of life for residents through renovations.
- 3) Ensure durability and continuing availability of current and future residents to achieve sobriety while in treatment or transitional housing.

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

Residential substance abuse treatment and supportive housing services for individuals 18 and older seeking treatment for opioid and other substance use, and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, support for HIV and AIDS, and supportive housing to address chronic homelessness. Case management services to assist clients becoming self-sufficient and independent.

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

The target population served by this project are persons with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, drug users, and drug offenders. We expect to serve between 401-800 persons.

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

The expected benefits/outcomes of this project are to improve mental health, enhance specific individuals economic self sufficiency, reduce recidivism and reduce substance abuse. The methodology which these outcomes will be measure by, are the scores from the SRQ-20 assessment to be lowered at each given assessment of 3, 6, and 12 month intervals; by the number of individuals that successfully gain employment and obtain permanent housing; measure by the number of individuals that re-enter treatment during a 12-month period; and treatment progress by observed monthly drug screens and the confirmation results and treatment progress as determined by prognosis scale (good.fair.poor).

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?

The suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverable or performance measures are:

- 1) The State and/or federal government can suspend or revoke any grants or contracts.
- 2) The State can request the funds to be returned.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity



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- ☒ 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number