



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1062

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Recovery Connections of Central Florida is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO), a non-profit organization that is locally governed by people who are a part of the recovery community. As an RCO, Recovery Connections offers services and resources that include multiple pathways to long-term sustainable recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). All services are provided by Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS), who have lived experience recovering from SUD. The CRPS team is uniquely positioned to encourage and provide hope, listen without judgment, and help people navigate the world of recovery. Recovery Connections will partner with social services providers to have CRPS team members on-site to provide mobile recovery support services to help people struggling with substance use issues. By taking these services into the community, the organization is breaking down barriers to care and meeting people where they are.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	525,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	525,000

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)	525,000	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	525,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

In lieu of state funding, funds can be requested from other sources, including other government and private sector sources.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1062

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

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
 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?

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	One Mobile Recovery Support Services Manager responsible for overseeing mobile recovery support services strategy, partnerships, and supervision of Certified Recovery Peer Specialists who are implementing mobile recovery support services.	62,864
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel within the four-county footprint for the Mobile Recovery Support Services Manager to travel to community partner organizations. Technology, software, and supplies for Mobile Recovery Support Services Manager.	7,617
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	7 full-time Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS) for 12 months. Our CRPS team members are the most critical component of our mobile recovery support services.	378,924
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses for Certified Recovery Peer Specialists to prospective and current community partner organizations within the four-county footprint. Technology, software, materials and supplies for community partner meetings, group meetings, and 1:1 recovery support services meetings. Transportation services for program participants to recovery and employment-related appointments and resources.	75,595
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1062

Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		525,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funds requested will allow Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS) to provide mobile recovery support services to help people struggling with substance use issues. With lived experience, the CRPS team is uniquely positioned to encourage and provide hope, listen without judgment, and help navigate the world of recovery. Partnering with social services providers to take these services into the community breaks down barriers to meet and care for people where they are.

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

Mobile recovery support services provided by a CRPS on-site partner organization in the community within our four county footprint. Our CRPS team will also facilitate group meetings and trainings for partner organization staff. The CRPS team will connect program participants to critical recovery resources and more.

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

At an initial meeting with a CRPS team member, program participants will complete a Recovery Capital Scale assessment, which measures internal and external assets that contribute to recovery (ex. housing, employment, access to healthcare). Participants identify goals they want to achieve to improve their Recovery Capital and create a Recovery Management Plan with a CRPS. Ongoing progress is monitored.

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 is people in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard counties who are seeking recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). As SUD affects people from all backgrounds, the population includes elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, physically disabled, drug users (in health services), currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and drug offenders (in criminal justice).
We expect to serve 401 - 800 people through this project.

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

Benefits or outcomes for individuals include improving physical health, improving mental health, enhancing specific individual's economic self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, and reducing substance abuse. Coaching from Certified Recovery Peer Specialists helps individuals work towards self-determined goals included in an ongoing Recovery Management Plan. Outcomes are measured through the Recovery Capital Scale assessment, which measures internal and external assets used to initiate and sustain recovery. Our goal is to increase a participant's Recovery Capital Scale by 25%.

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?

Deliverables will be measured regularly throughout the contract term. If off track, Recovery Connections will proactively communicate and work with appropriate parties to course correct, as needed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1062

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number