



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1296

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Academy at Bradenton provides a community and evidence-based approach to rehabilitation for adults living with a mental illness. It is a working community where opportunities for skill development, wellness and employment are the means by which Academy members pursue their dreams and goals. The Academy also partners with local businesses that align with its values to offer Clubhouse members employment that pays commensurate wages and provides opportunities for Academy members to reenter the workforce. Launching in November 2023, the Academy at Bradenton includes an instructional commercial kitchen as well as arts, multimedia, business and technology training areas. State funding would match \$3M in private support, as well as funding from Manatee County and local foundations, to recruit up to 20 local employment partners and equip up to 100 Academy members with the skills and industry certifications they need to acquire employment in the competitive marketplace.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	4%
Other	3,600,000	92%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,900,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No Yes

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No Yes

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 addition to \$3.0 million in private investment, the new Manatee campus program is supported by the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (\$200,000 secured), Manatee County Government (\$150,000 secured) Bank of America (\$40,000 received for first-year start-up funds), the Manatee Matches Giving Circle/Manatee Community Foundation (\$60,000 committed for vocational instruction), the Bishop Parker Foundation (\$200,000) and the Steinwacks Family Foundation (\$100,000).

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.

In FY 2020-2021 the Academy at Glengary received \$114,200 in PPP funding to cover payroll costs from April–June 2020, with 100% of the loan amount forgiven. An additional \$20,048 in Sarasota County CARES funds were used to purchase PPE for weekly fogging (sanitation) services and Plexiglas dividers in the Arts, Communications, reception and common training areas.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for Supported Employment staff (2 culinary arts instructors at \$60,000 each with salary and benefits).	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Clubhouse International Training, equipment, technology, transportation and supplies needed for job training, industry certification, and expanded community outreach.	30,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Mental Health Clubhouse Supported Employment program is an evidence-based service that helps people living with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) find jobs in the competitive marketplace leading to independence and a better quality of life. By implementing a robust job training program designed to teach a wide range of skills, Academy members will be equipped with the skills needed to acquire employment (Transitional and/or Supported Employment) in the competitive marketplace through up to 20 Academy-recruited local business partners.

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

State funding would support two culinary arts trainers, recruitment of up to 20 local employer partners and on-site training Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm for up to 100 adult citizens diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses living in Manatee County. Vocational skills training will include proficiency in food preparation, sanitation, nutrition, customer service, and operating point-of-sales systems and commercial equipment from food slicers to ovens. The acquisition of computer hardware and software will support training in the digital literacy skills required by today's employers.

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

Up to 100 adult citizens diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses living in Manatee County will be provided the skills and industry certification needed to meet local demand for employment. Statistically, over 50% of mental health Clubhouse members have a dual diagnosis of substance abuse (drugs and/or alcohol) and mental illness. The Florida Department of Health 2021-2023 Community Health Assessment for Manatee County identified mental health as a top health concern in Manatee County and better access to mental health services as a key strategy. Independent studies have found that one year of holistic recovery services are delivered to Clubhouse members for the same cost as a 2-week stay at a psychiatric hospital. Clubhouse members experience a significant decrease in hospitalizations, reduced incarcerations & reduced criminal justice system involvement. Mental Health Clubhouses provide a Recovery Oriented System of Care, a DCF priority.

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

Up to 100 adults diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness will be served by the new Academy at Bradenton where the needs are great and employment services designed to meet the needs of adults with SPMI are non-existent. The new Academy at Bradenton is supported by the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Manatee County Government, Bank of America, the Manatee Matches Giving Circle/Manatee Community Foundation, the Bishop Parker Foundation and the Steinwacks Family Foundation.

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

By implementing a robust job training program designed to teach a wide range of skills, Academy members will be equipped with the skills needed to acquire employment in the competitive marketplace. Up to 100 Mental Health Clubhouse members will be provided training, education and job placement, including the acquisition of industry standard certificates in key industries. Up to 20 business partners will be recruited to provide employment (Transitional and/or Supported Employment) to trained Academy members. Results will be measured through the completion of technical vocational training, acquisition of the industry standard ServSafe certificate, attainment of employment and job tenure.

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?

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.



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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
- 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