

PY2024 Lake County Video Gaming Revenue Proposal Cover Sheet

Organization's Name	Nicasa Behavioral Health Services		
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Program/Project Name	Gambling Treatment Services		
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Identify the VGR Policy-approved use for the proposal:

	211 Informational and Referral Services (Amount designated by VGR policy: \$125,000)
	Assessment, education and outreach for gambling addiction (Amount designated by VGR policy: \$100,000)
X	Clinical gambling addiction treatment services (Amount designated by VGR policy: \$100,000)

Please briefly describe the proposed scope of work in the space provided below:

Nicasa has been providing problem gambling outreach and intervention services since 2002 and continues to be the only state-contracted agency in Lake County. Nicasa's gambling treatment services are imperative to combat this hidden addiction. These funds will be used to provide clinical gambling intervention services to adolescents and adults, in English and Spanish, to treat problem gambling behaviors and assist individuals with rebuilding their independence and living a healthy life in recovery. The target population is anyone (12yrs and older) experiencing this disorder, with heightened focus on high-risk groups (youth, senior citizens, young men, athletes [youth and adults], people experiencing domestic violence, first responders [particularly police], and populations of color). For the past 6 years staff have provided clinical problem gambling counseling services to 231 individuals. This program offers both in-person and virtual options, which is helpful for those experiencing barriers such as a lack of access to technology or internet services, non-traditional work hours, transportation and childcare challenges, and more. This hybrid format allows for consistency in treatment to help various individuals continue positively in their behavior change and recovery from problem gambling. It has also allowed for continued service connection during extremely challenging times when individuals suffering from problem gambling need support and treatment the most.

I hereby certify that all information contained in this proposal for funding is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to comply with all requirements of the program if funded:

<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Linda Snelten</p> <p>Authorized Representative</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Signature</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/13/2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>
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Use of Funds

Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

Using the table(s) below, please detail the funding request(s) listed on page 1

Video Gaming Budget

EXPENSES	VIDEO GAMING FUNDS	OVERALL PROGRAM EXPENSE TOTAL
Salaries	\$100,000	\$123,500
Benefits	\$0	\$11,280
Payroll Taxes	\$0	\$9,435
Client Wages	\$0	\$0
Professional Fees	\$0	\$5,600
Supplies	\$0	\$2,800
Telephone and Facsimile	\$0	\$2,400
Postage & Shipping	\$0	\$500
Occupancy (except depreciation)	\$0	\$4,500
Equipment (except depreciation)	\$0	\$700
Printing & Publications	\$0	\$0
Travel, Conferences & Meetings	NOT ALLOWED	
Specific Assistance to Individuals	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$0	\$1,060
National Organization Dues	NOT ALLOWED	
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$161,775

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Narrative

Explain what is included in each line item for which funds are requested. For example, if salaries are requested, give the position, the full-time equivalent (FTE) and the amount. Do the same with benefits. For other line items, give a detailed description including the amount to be expended for each item. Please make all explanations brief, but thorough. Attach one additional page if necessary.

Director	20% FTE	\$17,200
1 Clinical Staff	100% FTE	\$50,470
1 Clinical Staff	74% FTE	\$32,330
Total Salaries		\$100,000

Outcomes Nicasa Behavioral Health Services		
	Previous Year- (please include # and %)	Proposed Year- (please include # and %)
Outcome 1: Write the outcome: Targeted measurable effect on the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behavior, or condition of the people served by your program	90% of successfully discharged clients will show an improvement in the Assessment of Life Areas tool.	90% of successfully discharged clients will show an improvement in the Assessment of Life Areas tool.
Results - Outcome 1: What were the results for the previous year? What is your target for the proposed year?	In this grant period 94% or 18 of the 19 clients discharged were and showed an increased in the Assessment of Life Areas tool.	Nicasa anticipates engaging 64 youth and adults in Gambling Treatment services in the coming year with 90% of successfully discharged clients showing an increase in their Assessment of Life Areas score.
Outcome 2: Write the outcome: Targeted measurable effect on the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behavior, or condition of the people served by your program	90% of discharged clients will report a meaningful reduction in their presenting problem(s) over the course of treatment.	90% of discharged clients will report a meaningful reduction in their presenting problem(s) over the course of treatment.
Results - Outcome 2: What were the results for the previous year? What is your target for the proposed year?	100% (19 of 19 discharges) reported a meaningful reduction in their presenting problem(s) over the course of treatment	Nicasa anticipates engaging 64 youth and adults in Gambling Treatment services in the coming year with 90% of discharged clients reporting a meaningful reduction in their presenting problem(s) over the course of treatment.
Outcome 3: Write the outcome: Targeted measurable effect on the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behavior, or condition of the people served by your program	85% of clients will maintain a positive gambling recovery status by attending 2 or more self-help group sessions (e.g. Gamblers Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, or other).	85% of clients will maintain a positive gambling recovery status by attending 2 or more self-help group sessions (e.g. Gamblers Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, or other).
Results - Outcome 3: What were the results for the previous year? What is your target for the proposed year?	In this grant period 94% of clients maintained a positive gambling recovery status by attending 2 or more self-help group sessions.	Nicasa anticipates engaging 64 youth and adults in Gambling Treatment services in the coming year with 85% of clients maintaining a positive gambling recovery status by attending 2 or more self-help group sessions as it leads to improved behaviors and successful long-term recovery when coupled with treatment.