



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Alzheimer's Community Care - Critical Support Initiative

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/19/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Alzheimer's Community Care (ACC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit, operates eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. These centers are licensed under Florida Statute 429.918 which mandates a higher standard of care for patients who utilize an adult day care facility and who suffer with probable Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. This funding request would be used as a reimbursement cost for low-income patients who attend one of ACC's eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers, and to cover the cost of repairs, updates and needed modifications to five (5) of the eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers operated by ACC.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Elder Affairs

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	349,900	4.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,897,000	21.6%
Local	586,835	6.7%
Other	4,457,609	50.7%
TOTAL	7,291,344	83.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 8,791,344

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 5
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:		1,500,000	1,500,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

\$1,000,000.00 of the requested funds will be used for critical support in specialized adult day care services to low-income patients suffering with Alzheimer's or a related disorder. Patients will be serviced across the eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers (9 in churches) operated by Alzheimer's Community Care (ACC) on a reimbursement basis. The therapeutic activities patients receive are dementia-specific. 90% of these patients are not placed in a nursing home. Seventy percent of caregivers over the age of 65 will die before their patient if they do not receive interventions. Our Centers allow the caregiver to attend to the tasks of daily living with the confidence that their loved one is being cared for. \$500,000.00 of the requested funds are for much needed fixed capital upgrades, repairs and modifications to five (5) of the Center's operated by ACC so that program staff can better serve Alzheimer's patients and ensure their safety and security.

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

To meet this higher standard of care, each patient must have an individualized plan of care that is updated quarterly, their cognition must be regularly evaluated, at least annually, and each center must provide therapeutic activities at least 70% of the day including physical exercise, socialization and cognitive stimulation. The Specialized Alzheimer's Services Adult Day Care Act also mandates that a licensed nurse must be on site at least 75% of the time to provide medical monitoring, that a 5 to 1 patient/staff ratio is always maintained, and that direct care staff is highly trained, completing at least 8 hours of DOEA approved dementia-specific training within 6 months of being hired. This higher level of care, in coordination with other supports provided through



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ACC's community-based model of care, allows patients to continue living in the community with family caregivers thereby delaying or eliminating the need for costly nursing home placement.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Program Manager(s), Program Nurse(s), Program Assistant(s), Activities Coordinator(s)	400,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, Insurance, Travel, Communications	500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Per Diem Staff, 3rd Party Agency Staff	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Day Care Renovations, Painting, Flooring, Other updates as needed	500,000
TOTAL		1,500,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Alzheimer's patients who attend one of Alzheimer's Community Care's eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers will benefit from a safe and functionally efficient facility in which they receive therapeutic care. The family caregivers will receive life-saving respite allowing them to continue working and/or take a break from the daily burden of providing care to a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related neurocognitive disorder.



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

The target population is patients who suffer with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, and their family caregivers. Additional funding requested in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 will provide 67,842 units of service at a unit rate of \$14.74. As a result of this funding, we anticipate serving an additional 98 unduplicated individuals. It costs approximately \$18,000.00 a year to provide specialized day care services to one Alzheimer's patient. The average cost of a nursing home placement for one year is approximately \$90,000.00. The cost savings realized through this appropriation (\$1,000,000.00) amounts to \$2,644,000.00. A recent CDC study has shown that the number of Alzheimer's deaths at home has increased between 1999 and 2014, from 14 percent to 25 percent, suggesting caregivers are keeping their loved ones at home longer and avoiding facility placement.

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

ACC's Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care assigns a Family Nurse Consultant (FNC) to both the patient and caregiver to develop individualized care plans. The FNC uses the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) as a standard tool to measure cognitive functions and administers the Zarit Burden Scale to caregivers to assess stress. Program staff also evaluate (1) patient functional capacity, including all ADLs which are rated monthly on a 4-point scale ranging from complete independence to total assistance needed; (2) incidence of patient falls at centers and at home; (3) patient falls risk; and (4) participation in cognitive activities. As a Joint Commission accredited program, ACC conducts ongoing monitoring of patients to ensure that interventions are achieving outcomes.

g. 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 Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care program also receives input from Alzheimer's Community Care's (ACC) Standing Committee which includes representatives from Adult Protective Services, Memory Disorder Centers, 211, Geriatric Care Managers, law enforcement and the long-term care network. Patient and caregiver assessment tools are based on Form 701-B, a standardized instrument approved by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. To ensure continuous quality improvement, ACC also gathers qualitative feedback through annual caregiver satisfaction surveys and exit surveys completed by caregivers when patients leave the program. If there are areas where the program is not meeting intended outcomes, corrective action plans are developed and implemented.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

All fixed capital funding will be used with the goal of repairing, updating and/or modifying safety mechanisms within the five (5) ACC Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care facilities, meeting the needs of the community through lease agreements with local churches who have suitable facility space.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. Organization: Alzheimer's Community Care

b. County: Martin, Palm Beach, Saint Lucie

c. Organization Type:

- ☐ For Profit
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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