



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1799

1. **Title of Project:** Armory Art Center-Brave Hearts Veterans Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bobby Powell

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/14/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The BraveheArts Project at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach has three outreach programs working within the community.

1. We work with Urban Youth Impact to provide art lessons for inner-city youth
2. We provide art therapy for sex trafficked girls partnering with the Human Trafficking Coalition of Palm Beach County
3. In May, 2018 we began partnering with the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center to provide art therapy for veterans that are referred to us from the VA Medical Center

Last February, the Armory collected \$50,000 from the community to serve 75 veterans in seven classes. It has been very successful. In each class an art therapist is paired with an instructor. Each veteran gets special attention to work through their individual issues. Some of these veterans are leaving their house and surrounds for the first time. Each veteran works on art pieces such as welding sculpture, clay ceramics, drawing and painting, photography, and jewelry making, to name a few.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Veterans Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	68,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	68,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	68,000	93.15%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other	5,000	6.85%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	73,000	100.0%

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

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



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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$68,000 per year for three years.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director will coordinate the classes, enrollment, and assign instructors. The Project Director will also oversee distribution of supplies and adhere to a budget per class.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies will consist of steel for welding sculpture, clay for sculpture and ceramics, paint and paper for drawing, various metal and stones for jewelry making, printing for digital photography, etc.	8,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Instructors and therapist are contracted to work per class in this project. They only work during the instructional time during the day.	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		68,000

11. Program Performance:

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

A partnership between the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center and the Armory Art Center is to provide the opportunity for veterans to improve overall health and well being, build self-esteem, improve dexterity, have a sense of accomplishment, and help re-entry to the community while developing a new skill by actively participating in classes in the visual arts. Each class is staffed by a therapist and an art instructor to help each veteran work through their individual issues.

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

Hands on classroom instruction in classes such as: welding (sculpture), stone carving (sculpture), sculpture in clay, ceramics, 3-D printing (ceramics), drawing and painting, digital photography, and jewelry making.



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

Veterans will be referred to this program from the VA Medical Center. Veterans will receive hands on instruction in each class along with counseling from a certified therapist. Using the art, each individual will work through their issues with the guidance of the instructor and the therapist. Individual time will be given to each veteran as needed.

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

Elderly Persons, Persons with poor mental health, Persons with poor physical health, Jobless persons, Economically disadvantaged persons Developmentally disabled, Physically disabled, All U.S Veterans referred to the project by the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach. 101-200 in the target population are expected to be served

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

Improve physical health - Veterans will report improvement in range of motion and fine motor skills, strength, and endurance through art-making. Veterans will be able to rate their pain on a scale of 1-10 before and after healing art sessions. Improve mental health - Veteran will demonstrate increased self-awareness including verbalizations of at least 3 personal strengths, needs, and abilities. Veteran will report reduced isolation and increased self-care and wellness. Healing Art sessions will assist in reduction of unhealthy coping skills and symptoms of mental health issues such as PTSD and Depression. Improve quality of education & Enrich cultural experience - Veterans will attend 6 weekly Healing Arts sessions at the Armory Art Center as scheduled Reduce recidivism - Veterans will attend 6 (free) weekly Healing Arts sessions at the Armory Art Center as scheduled. Reduce substance abuse - art as a coping skill for mood regulation and managing triggers.

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 in the contract?

Return allocated Funds

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Dr. Tom Pearson
- b. **Organization:** Armory Art Center
- c. **E-mail Address:** tom.pearson@armoryart.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)820-1776

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Armory Art Center
- b. **County:** Broward, Martin, Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit



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

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
- c. E-mail Address:**
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