



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1166

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

UCF RESTORES PTSD Clinic provides treatment and resiliency services at no cost to Florida's active-duty personnel, veterans, first responders, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and survivors of sexual assault, mass shootings or natural disasters. The Clinic's innovative three-week intensive outpatient treatment program is the only program of its kind in the country with significantly improved patient outcomes over that of other providers.

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	875,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	875,500

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)	875,500	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	875,500	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	143	No

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.

No other funding sources.

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

Yes



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

The UCF Clinic received \$50,000 to treat Orange County first responders and was also awarded funds to treat Azalea Park residents with PTSD due to high rates of COVID-19. All funds were spent on treatment by 12/30/20 a required and no further funding was received.

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)?

No

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	Personnel to perform the essential functions at UCF RESTORES through basic operational costs associated with running the clinic. Four masters level therapists (4 FTE) One clinical case coordinator (1 FTE) One business specialist (1 FTE) One program manager (1 FTE) One front desk receptionist (1 FTE) One resiliency training coordinator (1 FTE) Four outreach personnel (0.5 FTE each) One post-doctoral fellow (1 FTE)	850,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel to Orlando for veterans and first responders who live outside of Central Florida who need our intensive two week outpatient program Clinic office supplies, payment for cloud-based electronic health record system, encrypted computer storage for HIPAA information	25,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	875,500
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14. Program Performance

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

The funding will provide the provision of no-cost PTSD treatment for Florida's veterans, active duty personnel, and first responders who serve the residents of Florida every day. The rate of completed suicide among these groups is high and PTSD is a major risk factor. Thus, providing accessible and confidential treatment can reduce the risk of suicide among these groups.

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

Outpatient psychological treatment for PTSD using evidence based treatment. Additionally, this funding will provide the resources for our two week intensive outpatient program - the only one of its kind in the state of Florida. This program has been demonstrated to effectively treat PTSD such that 66% of veterans and military personnel and 76% of first responders no longer meet diagnostic criteria for PTSD after the completion of this program - with a 1% relapse rate. These programs are immensely valuable to all Floridians as healthy first responders, veterans and military personnel benefit everyone.

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

As above, this funding will provide clinical services to Florida's veterans and first responders. All personnel costs are in direct support of the clinical operation.

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

Florida's veterans, active military personnel and first responders - between 200 and 400 (based on numbers served in prior years)

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

Reduction in the number of veterans, active military personnel, and first responders who suffer from PTSD. As PTSD is a risk factor for suicide, another outcome could be a decrease in the rate of suicide (in Florida) for these groups. Decreases in rates of PTSD will also lead to improved occupational functioning among individuals who are employed.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures should result in decreased funding. We do not anticipate that this will occur.

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



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- 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