



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1614

1. **Title of Project:** Bitner Plante ALS Clinic Initiative of Florida

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Bitner Plante ALS Clinic Initiative of Florida is a collaboration between The ALS Association Florida Chapter and the five ALS multidisciplinary clinics located throughout the state of Florida. The Initiative increases a patient's access to the ALS clinics since the clinics are able to increase the number of clinic days and see more patients each month.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,000,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		250,000	507	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,000,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Two Contract Managers manage all contract tasks and deliverables, manage sub-contracts with ALS clinics, and direct staff in all tasks related to the contract.	15,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Clinic liaison staff participate in the implementation of the multi-disciplinary care model assuring each patient's needs are met. Marketing staff develop and host patient symposium. Finance and Admin staff manage bookkeeping and admin tasks.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Contract management expenses: attorney services, printing, mailing, supplies, staff travel to ALS clinics, and patient symposium. Expenses to develop and host patient symposium, venue fees, marketing, logistics, and planning.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Sub-contracts with ALS clinics: University of South Florida, University of Miami, Mayo Clinic in Florida, and University of Florida Health-Jacksonville.	915,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Funding will provide access to people living with ALS to receive comprehensive, quality care at multi-disciplinary ALS clinics throughout the state of Florida. This multi-disciplinary care has proven to benefit patients by 1.] improving their quality of life; 2.] increasing life expectancy by almost one year; and 3.] providing access to more aids to manage activities of daily living. The impact to the State is a reduction in costs in community-based/home-based care, Medicaid, and hospitalizations.

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

People with ALS will be able to be seen by multiple disciplines at an ALS clinic all in one day during a multi-hour visit.

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

People with ALS will be able to attend a multidisciplinary ALS clinic at one of the four subcontracted clinics.

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



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Elderly, military veterans, and people with poor physical/mental health. Approximately 600 people will be served.

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

1. Benefit: Early intervention and planning to prolong a patient's physical capabilities, safety, independence, and quality of life, e.g. use of durable medical equipment and interventions for feeding tube, trach tube, etc.; Measurement: Evaluations use the ALS Functional Rating Scale to monitor a patient's functional status over time, i.e., change in activities of daily living, walking, breathing, eating, speech, etc.; 2. Benefit: Early intervention and action plan to address cognitive and behavioral symptoms, i.e. depression, anxiety, caregiver burnout, FTD (frontotemporal dementia), etc.; Measurement: Evaluations by mental health professionals use a variety of scales, i.e. depression rating scales, quality of life scales, etc., to monitor symptoms and prescribe medication, and/or counseling; 3. Benefit: Rise in medical tourism, leading to an increase in revenue and employment for hotels, transportation companies, restaurants, hospitality, etc.; out-of-town patients spend ~\$1,000.

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?

The penalty for each deliverable is a certain percentage of the contract amount; the percentage rate varies per each deliverable.

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

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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
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