



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1996

1. **Project Title** Miami Project to Cure Paralysis - Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain2. **Senate Sponsor** Kathleen Passidomo3. **Date of Request** 01/03/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Scientists at The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest and most comprehensive spinal cord injury research program, are developing new therapies to target and repair the central nervous system and the brain in order to restore functional recovery for those suffering from paralysis, traumatic brain injury, concussions and other neurological disorders such as MS and ALS. The Miami Project has assembled an international multi-disciplinary team of over 200 doctors, scientists, therapists, and support staff who conduct clinical and basic science research to perform carefully designed and controlled research, and move promising therapies on to clinical application in humans.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of HealthState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1500000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,500,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	00	1,800,000	514	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Scientific Director (salary and benefits)	30,262
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and Benefits other personnel	89,164
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, animals and F&A	138,443
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Scientists, research associates, post docs and lab technicians	899,717
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Other Lab supplies, animals, core and F&A	342,414
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The goal of The Miami Project is to develop new treatments and translate our research findings into improved clinical care for those living with a traumatic brain injury and/or paralysis. The research will provide the scientific and medical community with better outcome measures and a greater understanding of how the central nervous system work and thus can be repaired after damage. In addition, the funds provided by the State will also allow our scientists to gain preliminary data necessary to submit successful NIH and Department of Defense grants which are critical to move our FDA Approved Clinical Trials forward.

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

The research that will be conducted includes basic science to further understand the biology of the nervous system and brain, translational research as we move these basic discoveries forward closer to clinical application and our clinical trials which are testing these therapies in research subjects to determine their safety and efficacy.

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

N/A

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

The target populations served by this project are people living with paralysis, traumatic brain injuries and other neurological conditions such as MS, ALS and muscular dystrophy.

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

Each project will be measured with specific aims and outcomes based on what each scientist is proposing to accomplish.

- 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 failing to meet the conditions of the contract is termination.



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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ 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

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.