



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1758

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Mental Health Services at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics at Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide critical expansion of behavioral health services for National Guard, veterans and their families regardless of discharge status. Too often, National Guard, veterans and military family members live life coping with trauma and mental health issues related to their military service. Aspire and Centerstone will provide evidenced based, culturally appropriate, person centered therapy for mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, relationship problems, and children’s behavioral problems. Services will include assessment, case management, outpatient psychiatric, and telehealth treatment. Aspire and Centerstone will target National Guard, post 9/11 veterans, and their families.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	16%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,682,173	84%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>3,182,173</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

There are no funds in lieu of state funding. The Cohen Veterans Network currently provides private funding toward this effort.



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

Yes

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

Aspire: \$7,180,233 was used to provide PPE, Client Services to COVID impacted individuals, COVID Hotline, and COVID facility modifications. Centerstone Tennessee did not receive COVID relief funds for use in Florida.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Includes prorated amount of Agency Executive staff, HR, Accounting, Quality Mgmt., Payroll, etc. and related fringe benefits.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program Director, Licensed/Credentialed Therapists, Case Managers, Support Staff, Outreach Staff, Communication Manager.	400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, secure internet connections, product licenses, staff travel, supplies, transportation.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training and evidenced based protocol.	10,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide behavioral health services for National Guard and post 9/11 veterans and families regardless of discharge status; to include outreach, assessment, case management, outpatient and telehealth treatment to promote recovery, reduce relapse and increase functionality. Veterans, including those from the National Guard, Reserves and their families will be served. Services are designed to help individuals and families address mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, relationship problems, and children's behavioral problems. The goal is to support veterans and their families as they begin their next mission: healthy and happy lives and Getting Back To Better.

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

Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide assessment, case management, outpatient, and telehealth treatment services as described in Ch. 65D-30 and in accordance with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) accrediting standards.

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



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Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide behavioral health services, including assessment, case mgt, outpatient, and telehealth treatment, for post 9/11 veterans and their families. They will use best practices including the following Evidence-Based Practices: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I), Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE), and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). Services will be provided in individual and group settings and telehealth.

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

Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will serve National Guard and post 9/11 veterans, families and active duty persons coping with mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, transition challenges, relationship problems and children's behavioral problems. They will serve all targeted veterans including those from the National Guard, Reserves, and their families, regardless of discharge status. They will target post 9/11 veterans and their families. Services will be provided to veterans and their families statewide.

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

Measurement based outcome assessments collected by the clinics per the Cohen Veterans Network.

**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?**

The department's standard contract requirements are adequate.

**13. 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



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number