



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1774

1. Project Title University of Central Florida – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic of Florida Veterans and First

2. Senate Sponsor Tom Wright

3. Date of Request 02/17/2021

4. Project/Program Description

UCF RESTORES 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. This funding will provide for: continued operation of the UCF Clinic treatment program at current locations (treatment is free); development of an online suicide prevention curriculum for at-risk populations; build, deploy and maintain new veteran rescue applications – an initiative that addresses the critical need of suicide prevention through online provision of peer supporters and the identification of culturally competent trauma therapists.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Board of Governors

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,050,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,050,000

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)	1,050,000	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 2021-2022	1,050,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	500,000	143	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 100,000

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

This project can be enhanced by federal grants and private contributions, but state funding is needed to continue operations.



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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.

The UCF PTSD Clinic received \$50,000 to treat Orange County first responders. The Clinic was also awarded funds to treat Azalea Park residents with PTSD due to high rates of COVID-19. All funds were spent on treatment as required by 12/30/2020.

11. 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	UCF RESTORES Treatment Program (\$850,000) On-line Suicide Prevention Curriculum (\$100,000) Rescue Apps (\$100,000)	1,050,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,050,000

12. Program Performance

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

Continuing to serve the citizens of Florida in providing free, highly successful treatment to Florida's veterans and active-duty military personnel, first responders, and victims of sexual assault and mass shootings. This funding will allow the UCF Clinic to continue our innovative treatment program and develop new initiatives that address two crucial mental health needs in our state:

The lack of adequately trained, trauma-informed clinicians who can effectively treat survivors of trauma.

The need for efficacious, evidence-based strategies for suicide prevention.

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

This funding will provide for: continued operation of the UCF Clinic treatment program at current locations (treatment is free); development of an online suicide prevention curriculum for at-risk populations; build, deploy and maintain new veteran rescue applications – an initiative that addresses the critical need of suicide prevention through online provision of peer supporters and the identification of culturally competent, trauma therapists.

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



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- A. Direct clinical services to Florida citizens
- B. Education and training of mental health clinicians to provide evidence-based therapy to survivors of trauma
- C. Education and suicide prevention to vulnerable groups (adolescents, veterans, LGBTQ, and first responders)
- D. On-line referral services for first responders and veterans
- E. Training for first responders and th LGBTQ community to serve as peer support for their fellow community
- F. Direct clinical services to first responders and survivors of traumatic events such as mass violence, natural disasters such as Hurricane Michael, and to prevent suicide contagion. Also education of clinicians in the area of the event to provide evidence-based treatment to the community.

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

All projects will be directed at citizens of Florida who have experienced traumatic events or Florida clinicians who will be trained to provide evidence-based psychotherapy for trauma survivors. We anticipate that, between the direct clinical services and the educational/outreach services that we will provide, between 5,000 and 10,000 individuals will be served through these endeavors.

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

Improved mental health for Florida's citizens. Outcomes will be assessed by the percentage of individuals who no longer meet diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder after completing treatment. For educational initiatives - we will document the percentage of clinicians who complete the training and the number of individuals who take part in the on-line or in person education and training programs.

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?

Return of state funds.

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.

The Clinic home office is located on the campus of the University of Central Florida, although treatment is provided at locations around the state. No fixed capital outlay funding is being requested.



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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