



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2151

1. Project Title Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone - Military Veterans and National Guard Mental Health Services

2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess

3. Date of Request 01/03/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Mental Health Services at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics at Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide critical sustainment and continued 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 Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	44%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,254,975	56%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,254,975	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	500,000	367	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

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

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?

No

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

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
Administrative Costs:		
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
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program Director, Licensed/Credentialed Therapists, Case Managers, Support Staff, Outreach Staff, Communication Manager.	900,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, secure internet connections, product licenses, staff travel, supplies, transportation.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training related to evidenced based protocols.	10,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

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?

Aspire Health Partners and Centerstone will provide behavioral health services, including assessment, case mgt, outpatient, and telehealth treatment, for post 911 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?



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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