



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1131

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

To provide innovative, holistic treatments to veterans and their family members; alleviating PTSD, suicidality, anxiety, depression and other mental health related issues. This project will go towards programming, and include training and supervising mental health professionals so they are providing the highest quality care in the latest neuroscience-based modalities, not available through the Veterans Affairs. The project's programming will utilize services such as one on one session for our specialized brain-based healing for trauma, equine therapy, chiropractic and medical massage to treat chronic pain, yoga and breath work, health and nutrition coaching, marriage counseling, and therapy for the veteran's spouse and children. This will provide immediate treatment to veterans who are in crisis, decreasing the risk of suicide, and also participation in our 3-month Tactical Healing program for the whole family.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	455,015
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	455,015

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	455,015	46%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	541,600	54%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	996,615	100%

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

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



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No

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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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	Electronic Health Records System for Hipa compliant records keeping and data storage for ongoing research.	41,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Outreach	36,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Lodging (\$46,000), food (\$10,000), transportation/gas (\$15,000), supplies (\$4,000), insurance (\$6,800), technology for telehealth (\$180).	81,980
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	There is a lack of adequately trained therapists in Florida, so clinical development will be provided to train and supervise therapists to ensure they are providing the highest quality of care (\$111,280). no cost PTSD treatment and wrap around services provided to veterans and their family members (\$163,755). Logistics (\$21,000).	296,035
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		455,015

14. Program Performance

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



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The VA reports that 1 in 5 veterans suffer from PTSD. They are 57% higher risk for suicide than civilians, and is the leading cause of death for veterans under the age of 45. Veterans are seeking alternative treatment options. The goal is to increase the amount of specialized therapy from highly trained clinicians, as well as wrap around services to veterans and their family members suffering from PTSD, suicidality and other related disorders, immediately with no wait time. We use the latest in neuroscience and holistic options that veterans are seeking.

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

The purpose of the funds are to provide innovative, neuroscience-based treatments for PTSD and other mental health diagnosis to veterans and their family members. This covers the veteran and or their spouse and children's treatment from beginning until end, i.e. outreach, initial assessment, all treatments and wrap around services including in-person and telehealth.

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

Direct services: mental health treatment for PTSD, suicidality and other mental health struggles, chronic pain treatment (without medications), group therapy, marriage counseling, children's counseling, chiropractor and medical massage, equine therapy with horses, nutrition education, health coaching, yoga, martial arts and other wellness based activities.

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

Military veterans with service connected disability.
 Persons with poor physical health.
 Persons with poor mental health.
 There will be around 175 to 200 served.

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

Improve Mental Health: Reduction in PTSD symptoms by 80%, reduction in suicidal ideations by 90%, improved quality of life by 10% and completion of goals at the end of the program. These will be measured by the Quality of Life Scale, a modified version of the PCL-5 for PTSD, and an evaluation given to participants. These will be administered pre and post treatment.

Improve Physical Health: Reduction in physical pain by 20% and physical health improved by 30%. Outcomes will be measured by the Quality of Life Scale and the Chronic Pain Scale used by the Veterans Affairs. These will be administered pre and post treatment.

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 organization can provide a detailed plan to fulfill the deliverables, but if they are not met without good reasoning, it may result in financial penalties or paying back unused funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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