



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1361

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Provide free early warning cancer detection for Florida veterans exposed to burn pits and toxins using the Galleri test that detects 50 plus different types of cancer as early as stage 1. We track the results of each test, help the veteran receive needed any needed cancer treatment and will provide the results in a study to be presented to the VA.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	41%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	350,000	15%
Other	1,050,000	44%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year 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.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**10. Status of Construction**

**a. What is the current phase of the project?**

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

**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?**

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

**11. 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.**

**12. 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	0
Other Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Printing materials and advertising to locate and recruit veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins so that we can give them a free Galleri early warning cancer detection test to catch over 50 different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1,400 Galleri early warning cancer detection tests for Veterans exposed to Burn Pits and Toxins while in service of our Country. We give the Galleri test free to catch 50 plus different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2.	975,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
<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>1,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Early warning cancer detection tests for veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins. The Galleri test can detect over 50 different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2.

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



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We provide the marketing and advertising of our cancer program in order to identify and recruit Florida veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins. We verify the veteran's status, register the veteran for the Galleri blood test and pay for the Galleri early warning cancer detection test. We track the results of each test, help the veteran receive any needed cancer treatment and will provide the results in a study to be presented to the VA.

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

Galleri early warning cancer detection tests will be given to Florida veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins. These funds will provide 1,400 tests. Combined with the current in place funding for 452 tests, over 1850 Florida veterans will be tested for free. We help the Florida veteran receive needed cancer treatment.

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

Florida Veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins are the target population. We have received a Marion County Community Development Block Grant of \$50,000 and a Marion County Hospital District Grant of \$300,000. The Grail Corporation will provide an in-kind donation of over \$1,000,000. We initiated our program Jan 6, 2025 and have given the test to over 50 Florida veterans as of Feb 12, 2025. Another 400 Florida veterans will be tested this year using the current grants for a total of over 1,850 tests. A total of over 1,850 Florida Veterans will receive the Galleri early warning cancer detection test for free.

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

Florida veterans learning that they have no indications of cancer or catching cancer at early stages will ease the strain on their physical and mental health. They have been trying to deal with not knowing when they will be hit with the ravages of cancer from their exposure to burn pits and toxins during their service to our country. The early warning cancer detection testing improves the veteran's economic self sufficiency and improves the use of Florida medical facilities because treating advanced cancer requires the use of many times more medical resources than the treatment provided when a cancer is detected early. We will track the results of each Galleri early warning cancer detection test and will provide the results in a study to be presented to the VA.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

**17. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**18. 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  Ext.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*