



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1390

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Stay In Step Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center seeks funds for its project Restoring Hope & Expanding Possibilities, which will enhance physical rehabilitation services with a HydroWorx therapy tank, hyperbaric chamber, red light therapy, compression boots, electrical stimulation devices, a standing frame, and a Galileo vibration plate. Funding will also cover therapy tank construction, air conditioning replacement, and accessibility upgrades. Support for staff salaries will expand capacity, provide personalized care, and improve recovery outcomes.

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

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,102,801
Fixed Capital Outlay	87,199
Total State Funds Requested	1,190,000

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)	1,190,000	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 2025-2026	1,190,000	100%

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

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?**

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

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



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8/16/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/16/2025

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

We will use revenue from memberships, insurance payments, self-pay fees, and donations.

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.

Stay In Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center.

12. 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		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries 2 new aides @ \$16hr 40 hr a week, OTA salary \$29hr @ 40 hr a week, & current employee (12) salary. Catalina Office Manager \$52,665.60 annual, Anique Aide \$16hr, Ben Aide \$16hr, Cynthia PT \$44hr, Daniel PTA \$28hr, Dasia Aide \$15hr, George Floor Supervisor \$29.28hr, Jose Trainer \$22.75hr, Nick PTA \$29hr, Rachael OT \$39hr, Sabrina Receptionist \$16hr, Sultan Trainer 18.5hr.	706,851
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	HydroWorx tank \$108,000, hyperbaric oxygen \$25K, red light standing panels (2) \$3,500 each, red light face panel \$300, Red light cabin \$19K, 3 -compression boots sets @ \$900 each, electrical stim (Myocycle) \$25K , 2 - electrical stimulation (Xcite) @ \$27K, Galileo vibration plate \$8,300, 2 - Galileo Mano @ \$2250 each, Standing Frame \$5,500, Equip Rental - \$114K; Maintenance \$10K, Annual Electric \$12K.	395,950
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	A/C units (7) \$8,000 each plus install \$6,000, Construction/Renovation of area for HydroWorx tank \$7,500, Purchase of 2 new ADA front doors @ \$6,399 each, installation of ADA doors \$3,501, 2 - Hot water heaters @ \$800 each, install of hot water tank \$600, with permitting @ \$5,000.	87,199



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	1,190,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will enhance Stay In Step's rehabilitation services, with advanced equipment like a HydroWorx therapy tank, hyperbaric chamber, and red-light therapy tools to improve mobility, reduce pain, and accelerate recovery. Facility upgrades, including construction, air conditioning replacement, and accessibility improvements, will create a safe environment. Funding for staff salaries will expand capacity, provide personalized care, and improve outcomes, empowering independence.

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

The funds will enhance recovery for individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries through specialized therapies, including aquatic therapy with a HydroWorx tank, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, red light therapy, and advanced tools like compression boots, electrical stimulation, and a Galileo vibration plate. Funding will also support staff salaries to expand personalized care, and facility upgrades for a safe, accessible environment. These improvements will help patients regain independence and improve their quality of life.

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

The project will provide specialized rehabilitation services for individuals with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and neurological disorders. Advanced therapies like HydroWorx aquatic therapy, HBOT, red light therapy, compression boot therapy, electrical stimulation, and vibration plate training will improve mobility, reduce pain, and enhance recovery. Funding for staff and facility upgrades will expand access, improve care, and help patients regain independence and quality of life.

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

This project serves individuals with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, strokes, and other neurological conditions, including both veterans and civilians in Greater Tampa Bay and beyond. New equipment and expanded staff will enhance Stay In Step's capacity to offer advanced therapies like HydroWorx aquatic therapy, hyperbaric oxygen, and red-light therapy. These upgrades will increase annual patient access, improving outcomes and empowering more individuals to regain mobility and independence.

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

This project will enhance rehabilitation for individuals with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and neurological disorders, improving mobility, reducing pain, and fostering independence. Advanced equipment like the HydroWorx tank, hyperbaric chamber, and red-light therapy will accelerate recovery. Adding an OTA and two aides will expand therapy access, with outcomes measured through standardized assessments, patient tracking, and satisfaction surveys to ensure impact and optimize success.

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?

The contracting agency may impose penalties, including fee reductions, withheld payments, or liquidated damages for delays or poor performance. A performance bond may be required, forfeited if obligations are unmet. Corrective action plans could address deficiencies, while service credits, rebates, or contract termination may apply for non-compliance. Exclusion from future contracts or public disclosure may deter violations, ensuring accountability and adherence to performance standards.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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)



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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

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



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- 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.

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.