



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2851

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will allow USF Health to conduct a clinical trial into the efficacy of Psilocybin as a treatment for PTSD in veterans. Currently, the only two FDA approved medications for PTSD are selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), which have limited efficacy and may even elevate risks of suicidal ideation. This is particularly problematic for combat veterans with PTSD who are already at high risk of suicide.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	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 2024-2025	3,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.

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

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



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USF has received institutional COVID-19 assistance funding from the federal government but the funds we received cannot be used for the construction new classroom facilities as outlined in this request.

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
 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?

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Clinical provider, treatment facilitators providing direct patient treatment.	2,400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Acquisition of medication and other treatment supplies.	600,000
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)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this work is to further existing clinical trial work that is concluding at Johns Hopkins and The Ohio State University. This project is intended to attenuate suffering in our veteran population.

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

Study related treatment.



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

While this study is specific to veteran treatment, the study outcome (PTSD symptom relief in veterans) will be documented and published in order to expand treatment options in the broader PTSD population. This area of clinical treatment while largely associated with military service is also applicable to all persons with PTSD.

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

The intent of this project is to treat 30 veteran patients in the study. The down-stream impacts of clinical trials and persons served by them is limitless.

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

Controlling PTSD and it's debilitating symptoms is the primary goal of this funding, measured through scientific clinical trial protocols. Additional research awards from private industry and the federal government, measured by USF's ability to attract additional research resources and scientists. New jobs created because of federal grants awarded. New research creates new jobs in the Tampa Bay region and statewide. Reduction or elimination of debilitating mental illness. When patients' return to a more stable quality of health they are able to become more productive and engaged. This includes acquiring employment and engaging in more productive social interactions.

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?

Statute and BOG Regulations provide specific penalties for noncompliance by state universities.

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

- 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



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number