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## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Miami-Dade Veterans Treatment Court

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/16/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Miami-Dade Veterans Treatment Court (MDVTC) is a problem-solving court designed to offer treatment in lieu of incarceration for veterans whose substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders appear to have contributed significantly to their arrest. The MDVTC seeks to provide a means to divert eligible participants from the traditional criminal justice system and offer them support and rehabilitation through comprehensive substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, education, vocational programs, community resource referrals for housing, and transportation, all while being judicially monitored.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? State Court System

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
271,250		271,250

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 271,250

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		150,500	150,500

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

YES, \$271,250

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The funds will be used to support the MDVTC. This specialized court is intended to provide rehabilitative services for veterans who have been charged with non-violent crimes and have been identified as suffering from serious mental health conditions or substance use disorders. Veterans will be diverted from the traditional justice system and receive help with reintegration into the community.

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

The funds will be used to adequately assess and provide intensive case management to high risk/high need MDVTC participants in the development of their case plan involving all MDVTC team members; to ensure that MDVTC participants receive immediate residential treatment services or emergency shelter beds when it is not available to them through the Veterans Administration (VA); and to provide training to court personnel on the latest advances and trends, research, and resources so that new techniques and approaches can be applied and implemented in the MDVTC.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	1 FTE Administrative Assistant to provide assistance in managing the daily operations and support functions of the program.	45,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	1 FTE Case Manager and 1 FTE Intake Specialist to develop case plans and conduct needs assessment to determine treatment.	105,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cell phone service including insurance plan for case manager to maintain regular contact with the MDVTC participants (\$650); local mileage for case manager to monitor veterans in the community and in residential treatment (\$1,200); office equipment and supplies such as printer, paper, and printer toner (\$2,000); travel expenses for 2 staff to attend the National Association for Drug Court Professionals conference and the Florida Behavioral Health Conference (\$6,800); drug and alcohol test kits	15,650
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) Assessment tool which screens and appropriately	105,600



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	places veterans in tracks and ensures that the "high need" population is being served (\$1,100); urinalysis drug testing contractual services to ensure best practices (\$50,000); Camillus House Institute of Success and Personal Achievement (ISPA) program which provides residential treatment and emergency shelter beds for veterans in need of immediate treatment or shelter placement to commence addressing their housing	
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		271,250

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Intake assessments, intensive case management, random urine analysis testing, 90-day residential treatment, emergency shelter beds for MDVTC participants and staff training.

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

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces with poor mental health; poor physical health; physical disabilities; unemployed and economically disadvantaged; homeless; substance user (in treatment); drug offenders (in criminal justice); currently or formerly incarcerated. It is anticipated the MDVTC will serve approximately 75 veterans annually.

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

\*Improve mental health: measured through evidence-based screening and assessment tools.  
 \*Public safety: measured through program and treatment compliance. \*Enhance individuals' economic self-sufficiency: measured by monitoring compliance with VA vocational rehabilitation and work program participation. \*Reduce recidivism: measured through a risk-need-responsivity model.



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\*Reduce substance abuse: measured by results of random, consistent, and frequent drug and alcohol testing, and when appropriate, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for veterans with opioid addiction.

**g. 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?**

1. Contractor's staff must visit each site and contact each participant at least once per week. Missed visits by contractor's staff will result in a \$250 deduction from the treatment provider's subsequent invoice and request for reimbursement.

2. Each instance a contractor's staff member cannot be reached within 1 hour of a call from MDVTC staff will result in a \$25 assessment fee against the next invoice reimbursement, up to a maximum of \$500 per day.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

NONE

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Miami Dade County
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify) County Government
- d. **Contact Name:** Jess McCarty
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**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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