



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2492

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Empath Adult Day Center is a Veteran-centric program and the only medically-based adult day center in Pinellas County.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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 2023-2024	350,000	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?

No

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



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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	Personal Care Attendant to accompany the transport of Veterans to/from the Adult Day Center; this person would have the ability to provide supervision to Veterans, assist Veterans with their onboarding and offboarding, report to the Program Director of any changes/concerns in the physical/emotional status of the Veterans being transported	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance for one (1) handicapped-accessible vehicle; funding for regular maintenance of the vehicle; funding for gas; wrapping the vehicle in Empath Adult Day Center logo/information; purchase of required safety equipment for the vehicle (slide board, AMBU bag, AED, CPR equipment)	135,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Full-time contracted staff member to drive an agency vehicle to provide transportation to/from the Adult Day Center for our Veterans	75,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of a handicapped-accessible transport vehicle to provide our Veterans with transportation to and from the Adult Day Center	100,000
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)		350,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Empath Adult Day Center (ADC) in St. Petersburg is specially designed with Veteran community members' needs top of mind and the only medically-based adult day center in Pinellas County. The ability to purchase a handicapped accessible vehicle would provide the Empath Adult Day Center the ability to transport our Veterans safely to and from the Adult Day Center at no cost to them, thereby removing two main barriers in healthcare access: transportation and cost.

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

The Empath Adult Day Center provides the recreational, psychosocial and medical needs of adults of all ages and provides respite for their caregivers. Our goal is to help our participants remain healthy both physically and mentally so they can continue to live in their homes and have an improved quality of life.

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

Transportation on a handicapped-accessible vehicle to/from the Empath Adult Day Center from/to Veterans' personal residence.

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

The target population: Veterans residing in Pinellas County
The goal is to serve a minimum of 25 individual Veterans/week (1,300 annually)

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

The expected benefit of this project is to increase access to adult day care services for our Veteran community by providing them with a handicapped-accessible vehicle for free transport to/from the Empath Adult Day Center. Day Center staff will track/document the number of riders each day and maintain a spreadsheet with this information.

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?

Should Empath Adult Day Center fail to meet deliverables or performance measures, the funding will be returned to the State of Florida.

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



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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