



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2670

1. Project Title Blue Angels Foundation (BAF); funding for PTS protocol to reduce veteran suicide)

2. Senate Sponsor Clay Yarborough

3. Date of Request 03/01/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The BAF, based in Pensacola, FL is a 501(c)(3), all-volunteer non-profit supporting the wounded warrior community in Florida and nationally. The BAF supports the continuum of care, a four step process that provides the wounded warrior positive transition from "active duty injured" to "retired disabled". This continuum includes: transition housing, education, networking for employment, and resolving PTS. Annual events, corporate and private donors, and Foundation partners provide the funding to meet mission objectives. An overriding goal of the Board is the eradication of veteran suicide. The Board is committed to both raising awareness of the issues facing wounded warriors, the suicide rate (22 per day, more than 8,000 per year), and funding PTS protocols for the wounded warrior and often their family.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Veterans' Affairs

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,000,000	75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	4,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000		No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,000,000

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

Corporate and individual sponsorships and donations; partnership funding with other Foundations.



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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.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	100% of the requested funds will be allocated to the Warrior Care Network...Veteran's Programs at Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, Home Base Florida in SW Florida, Home Base in Boston, The Rush Medical Center in Chicago, and the UCLA Medical Center in LA. These evidenced based facilities have over a 90% success rate in defeating the symptoms presented.	1,000,000
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)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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100% of the funds requested will be allocated to support PTS protocols. The level of funding requested will support 50 to 200 wounded warriors. One life saved is important and significant. Our aim is to support hundreds each year. The Board believes this vision is possible with an increased awareness of the crisis, and by teaming with corporate sponsors, and business and government leaders who will both fund and mentor these service members to restore hope and purpose in their lives.

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

Wounded warriors enrolling in the in-patient program will receive holistic, evidenced based treatment services for themselves and their families. Each hospital also provides intensive out-patient programs designed to meet the unique needs of the service member and their family at no cost to them. All services are fully funded through fundraising efforts.

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

The programs integrate evidenced based psychological and psycho-pharmacological treatments, rehabilitative medicine, wellness, nutrition, mindfulness training, and family support with the aim of helping warriors thrive, not just survive. Warriors receive an average of more than 70 direct clinical treatment hours. In addition, the programs are committed to serving family members with couples therapy, family counseling and wellness training.

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

The post 9.11 wounded warrior community from all branches of service. Since 9.11 more than 52,000 have been wounded in action, there have been more than 1,700 major limb amputations, and it is estimated that more than 500,000 suffer from PTS and or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). A \$1,000,000 grant to the BAF will allow between 50 and 200 wounded warriors to receive PTS protocols. Some will elect the in-patient program (\$20,000) and others elect out patient (\$5,000). Costs are approximate.

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

The BAF's aim is to SAVE LIVES. Wounded warriors have given their all to preserve and protect our freedoms. Thousands have come home with physical injuries and many more with the invisible wounds of war we call PTS. In resolving PTS these wounded warriors find hope and purpose in their lives. Many tell us..."this PTS program saved my life". The benefit and outcome is that these funds raise awareness, they provide the wellness counseling and care that literally saves lives.

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?

Deliverable and performance based objectives will be provided on a quarterly basis as wounded warriors complete their PTS protocols.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number