



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2191

1. Title of Project: Memory Disorder Center Telemedicine Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Jason Pizzo

3. Date of Submission: 02/28/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Miami Jewish Health (MJH) is petitioning to receive designation as a Memory Disorder Center. MJH is a unique healthcare system that emphasizes mental health as its core treatment pathway. The designation would also provide a unique nursing home-based MDC in the network. For more than two decades, our treatment has reflected the essential MDC activities as designated in the Florida statutes. Additional funding would allow us to develop and implement a Telemedicine Program specific to those patients that are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Dementia, and other related behavioral disturbances. We will be able to reach many more patients and their caregivers throughout the state that would otherwise not receive any care or the proper level of care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	222,801
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	222,801

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	222,801	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	222,801	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$222,801



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Dr. Marc Agronin's clinical oversight of the clinical protocols.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Social Worker (MSW) will provide day-to-day clinical oversight and assist the other practitioners in provider services.	110,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Telemedicine specific computer equipment.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The enhanced clinical offerings will provide data for additional studies and trials that are focused on the cure for Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, and other disorders.	60,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Administrative management necessary to manage and monitor the project's success	2,801
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		222,801

11. Program Performance:

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

Miami Jewish Health is the preeminent healthcare provider within the continuum of care for patients in mental health pathways. Its Memory and Research Center treats more than 7,000 patients annually. Funding as a MDC will allow us to expand our services to reach more individuals that are unable to access proper psychiatric care by utilizing Telemedicine to reach more patients and their caregivers.

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

The center evaluates thousands of individuals in South Florida each year in line with the standards developed for the Florida memory disease centers and outlined in Ch. 430.502. Unique to our center is the fact that many of the individuals seen in our center have advanced cognitive impairment, severe psychiatric disturbances, and are nursing home residents supported by Medicaid. Our core services include: comprehensive cognitive and psychiatric assessment by a double board-certified, licensed adult and geriatric psychiatrist; neuropsychological testing by a board-certified, licensed neuropsychologist; supervised referrals for neuro-imaging and neurological assessment; individual psychotherapy by several geriatric trained psychotherapists; social service evaluation and case management by a licensed social worker; on-site brain fitness program with individualized training; and Girsh program for weekly socialization and therapeutic activities.

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



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Miami Jewish Health is a leading healthcare provider and employer in Miami, including its role as the largest employer in the Little Haiti neighborhood of Miami. While we currently dispatch specialists out to numerous community programs and talks throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties to educate both professionals and caregivers on how to provide the best possible care for individuals with dementia, the telemedicine program will allow us to reach a greater number of people. These people may not be able to travel to our offices or the various educational sessions we provide.

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

The Memory and Research Center at Miami Jewish Health is open to all individuals in need, and provides services to the large Haitian, African-American, Caribbean and Hispanic communities in the surrounding urban neighborhoods. It also serves nearly 1,500 low-income individuals with Medicare-Medicaid eligibility who are enrolled in Miami Jewish Health's four PACE programs ("Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly") or who reside in our three HUD-housing units in Broward County. In total, we treat more than 7,000 patients per year. Telemedicine will allow us to reach more potential patients and caregivers than we currently are able to.

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

The expected outcome of a telemedicine program specific to those patients that are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Dementia and other related behavioral disturbances is essentially immeasurable. We will be able to reach many more patients and their caregivers throughout the state that would otherwise not receive any care or the proper level of care. Limitations such as transportation, cost, and disruption in routines as well as other concerns are eliminated. Nearly everyone has a smart phone where they connect with our providers to seek treatment.

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?

We are confident in our abilities to enhance the care provided to the underserved patients in our service area that we are willing to share in the financial risk associated in this project. Specific criteria can be developed once the funds are awarded.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Miami Jewish Health System
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade



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c. Organization Type:

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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