



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2611

1. **Title of Project:** USF-Alternative Treatment for Veterans

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Tom Wright

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

To provide funding to the University of South Florida for a study on alternative forms of treatment for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) who have been diagnosed with a service-connected post traumatic stress disorder and/or a traumatic brain injury. From this study, the University of South Florida will further research to identify the effectiveness of the five listed treatments; accelerated resolution therapy, equine therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, music therapy, and service animal training therapy.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

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

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	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?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	USF will contract with various alternative treatment therapies to provide treatment for veterans and with PTSD and TBI.	1,000,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
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)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To provide appropriations for the purpose of providing alternative forms of treatment for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The appropriation will allow USF to set up a pilot program by contracting with non-profit organizations, approved by USF, that provide alternative treatments to veterans.

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

USF will contract with non-profit organizations that will provide alternative treatments for veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI.

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

USF will contract with non-profit organizations that will provide alternative treatments for veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI.

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

Veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder and/or traumatic brain injuries who have been diagnosed with a service-connected posttraumatic stress disorder and/or a traumatic brain injury. Target population: Persons with poor mental & physical health, Homeless and Drug users.

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

Assist veterans with their post-war injuries, with a specialization on PTSD and TBI. Number of veterans who are in treatment for PTSD and TBI through the program. Veterans with control of their PTSD and TBI are more likely to be employed. Surveys of veteran's pre and post treatment including employment status. Veterans who are no longer suffering or have control of their PTSD and TBI are less likely to abuse prescription pain killers or other drugs and less likely to commit offenses. Regular check-ups with veterans who have gone through the therapies.



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- 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?**

Return of state funds.

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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- a. **Organization:** University of South Florida
- b. **County:** Statewide, Hillsborough
- 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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