



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1837

1. **Project Title** Florida Epilepsy Services Program (ESP)2. **Senate Sponsor** Jeff Brandes3. **Date of Request** 12/12/20194. **Project/Program Description**

In January 1990, the Governor's Task Force on Epilepsy provided a blueprint report to the Governor and FL Legislature on Epilepsy. The creation of the ESP was subsequently created and now consists of six nonprofit providers who provide valuable services for epilepsy patients across Florida - Epilepsy Florida, Epilepsy Association, Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend, Suncoast Epilepsy Assoc., Epilepsy Services of West Central Florida, Epilepsy Services of Southwest FL. Providers are tasked with providing prevention, early intervention, education, medical treatment, support services and on-going case mgm. to improve the quality of life for the over 400,000 Floridians living with epilepsy and their families while simultaneously saving the State \$85M. The vast majority of physicians, hospitals, corporations, local governments, patients, universities, and other non-profits support the work of FL Epilepsy Service Providers for patients at 60%-80% discounted prices.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of HealthState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	850,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 850,000



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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	5% of the funds requested will be used towards administrative staff salaries.	42,500
Other Salary and Benefits	14% fringe and benefits.	5,950
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	New client database software to replace the current antiquated system. The new system will allow for ease of reporting to the DOH.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	33% of the funding will be expended on additional program staff – case managers who work directly with clients and prevention and education coordinators who educate the community at large.	280,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10% of the funding will provide printed educational materials, online educational materials, travel for program staff to attend health fairs, provide presentation and outreach to the community at large about epilepsy prevention and first aid.	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	48% of funding will pay doctors and hospitals across the state for vastly discounted medical visits and diagnostic testing for patients economically qualified. Negotiated rates with medical professionals treats a single patient for approximately \$851 annually plus in-kind donations of \$1,100. This cost compares to AHCA 2017 ED visits for epilepsy patients at an average statewide cost of \$8,571 per visit.	411,050
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To increase services for prevention to the general population, early intervention, education, medical treatment, support services and on-going case management and to improve the quality of life for the over 400,000 Floridians living with epilepsy and their families while simultaneously saving the State of Florida money and valuable resources. Currently, the Seatbelt Trust Fund continues to diminish which provided support for statewide epilepsy services in 2013-2014 at \$1.1M annually, but only \$240,000 in 2018-2019. This request is to make up for the shortfall over the past five years.

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

Patients report their yearly emergency room visits were reduced to close to zero as a direct result of receiving medical services, social services, and patient and family education from Florida Epilepsy Service Providers. In addition, seizure first aid, education and prevention services are provided to thousands of Floridians across the state.

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

Medical and diagnostic services, individualized case management, prescription medication assistance, support groups, education and family support services for those with a diagnosis of epilepsy and epilepsy prevention and education for the community at large.

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

People with epilepsy and their caregivers. Additionally, the public at large is educated on prevention of epilepsy and first aid for seizures. In total, an additional 800+ patients with epilepsy and their families will be provided with direct services. 800 additional patients and 1M general population will be educated.

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

Improved physical and mental health for people with epilepsy and enhanced economic self sufficiency. An annual client survey will measure outcomes for reduced emergency room visits, better educated about the disease and its treatment and improved seizure management. Pre and post tests are sometimes utilized at educational presentations for the general public.

- 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?

Current contracts with the DOH affords monthly fiscal penalties for any epilepsy service provider not meeting the required deliverables and performance measures of the contract. Deliverables and performance measures are determined annually based on income received for services.



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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. 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
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.