



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2106

1. **Project Title** Alzheimer's Community Care - Critical Support Initiative2. **Senate Sponsor** Gayle Harrell3. **Date of Request** 12/02/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Alzheimer's Community Care (Organization), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operates, eleven (11) Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers (SDS) in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. All Centers are licensed under FS 429.918 which mandates a higher standard of care for patients who require an adult day care level of intervention within the Alzheimer's disease process. Nine of the 11 Centers are in churches. 95% of patients registered in the Organization's Day Care qualify for nursing home placement. National statistics state that 96% of caregivers want their family member to be at home and in their neighborhood. The average enrollment time in Adult Day Health centers is 1 to 18 months, however the average time in the SDS Centers is 3 to 6 years. The funding request would be used for units of service (hour of patient care) as reimbursement for care and services provided. FY 18/19 independent audit stated for each \$1.00 received, .93 cents was for services and resources.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1500000	22.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,352,468	32 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	108,156	1 %
Local	755,714	10 %
Other	2,539,203	35 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	7,255,541	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		
2019-20	1,500,000	500,000	395	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000



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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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Reimbursement per unit rate \$11.50 and will provide 130,434.78	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

All the requested funds will be used for critical support within the Specialized Adult Day Care and Service Centers (SDS) to low-income patients and who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other neurocognitive disorders. 88% of patients were not institutionalized this past fiscal year; those who require another level like Hospice are directed when their physical/medical conditions lend them to be unsafe under FS428.918. At any level of care, no matter what the stage of the disease process, the FNC ensures families are never isolated or alone throughout the disease process. All funding request is used as cost reimbursement throughout the 11 day care centers (9 in churches). All cultures, languages spoken (some reverting to their first language) and economic status patients receive care. 63% of AD caregivers are at higher risk of dying before other caregivers who are taking care of someone with a chronic illness if they do not receive interventions provided.

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

All eleven (11) of ACC's Specialized Day Care Centers (SDS) are licensed in accordance with the SDS Care Act (FS428.918). This act goes above and beyond the standard licensure of regular Adult Day Health Care/Respite Services and is designed to provide a higher standard of care for patients afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or other neurocognitive disorders. To meet this higher standard of care, each patient must have an individualized plan of care that is updated quarterly, their cognition must be regularly evaluated, at least annually, and each center must provide therapeutic activities at least 70% of its daily operations including physical, spiritual, emotional, stimulating, socialization, and cognitive exercises. The license also is explicit in that a licensed nurse must be on site at least 75% of the time to provide medical monitoring, a five to one staff ratio, and that direct care staff is highly trained, completing at least 8 hours of DOEA approved dementia training.

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

ACC's Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Services (SDS) assigns a licensed Family Nurse Consultant (FNC) to both patients & caregivers to develop individualized care plans. The FNC uses the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) as a standard tool to measure cognitive functions and administers the Zarit Burden Scale to assess caregivers' stress. Program staff also evaluates: 1) patients functional capacity, including all total assistance needed inclusive of a F-point scale ranging for complete independence to total assistance needed inclusive nutritional & fluid intake capacity, 2) incidence of patients' falls at centers and home, 3) ongoing evaluation of patients fall risks and 4) participation in cognitive and other therapeutic activities. As a Joint Commission accredited program, patients are monitored to ensure interventions are provided when needed. The training is linked to the FS429.918 licensed dementia training standards. 88% of patients were not placed in a nursing facility.

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

Patients who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease (AD) or other neurocognitive disorder and their caregivers. The majority of caregivers are increasingly adult children but there is still a large part who are spouses. An unintended population are the families' medical practitioners because as the diseases progresses contact by the Program Nurse or Manager at times may become a daily activity. If they have become unsteady on their feet it is likely they are experiencing a change in the disease's progression. Another sign is agitation, not sleeping well, etc., which can signal that if untreated, could lead to hospitalization, but because of the staffs' diligence and training, medical interventions are imposed and stabilization occurs for which families are always so grateful. It is expected that this funding will keep over 385 to 400 families in their homes with caregivers because of the specialist at the center and delays/eliminates the need for long-term care placement.

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

Preserving families of Alzheimer's disease or other neurocognitive disorder patients ability to live in their communities and homes safely with security, preserve their wellbeing and welfare, and dignity and integrity throughout the duration of the disease process. 96% of families want to keep their loved ones in the home and avoid institutionalization. This extends caregivers' ability to care for their loved ones while they work as well as support their younger family members. The average caregiver that we serve is 58 years old, which means that adult children are taking care of one or both parents.

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?

All 11 Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care and Service Centers are under the auspices of FS429.918; if those standards are not met, it would lose its licenses executed by Agency of Health Care Administration. If the standards of care are not met, it could lose its accreditation by the Joint Commission. If its governance and financial management practices are not met, it could lose its accreditation under the Nonprofits First accreditation, which is a local non-profit that monitors, evaluates and approves non-profits' practices annually. Also, other local monitoring agencies such as the Area Agency on Aging, United Ways, and county governments (Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie) could withdraw their financial support if specific standards are not met.



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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.**

Not applicable.

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.