



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1882

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program supports veterans with service-related brain trauma by providing complementary and proven brain-health treatments, including ketamine-assisted therapy, stellate ganglion blocks (SGB) to "reset" the sympathetic nervous system and a neuroendocrine and biochemical restoration protocol that reduces brain inflammation, stabilizes brain chemistry, and improves cognitive and emotional functioning. These treatments, under close clinical supervision, help veterans reduce symptoms, regain stability, and return to fuller participation in family and community life. We work in partnership with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs by sharing outcome data and educating counselors so effective emerging treatments can be better understood and potentially made accessible to more veterans.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,034,995
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,034,995

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,034,995	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	42%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,784,995	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	735,000	0	580	No

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

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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Alternative funding may be obtained through a combination of private philanthropic contributions, federal and community-based grants, and in-kind support from partnering organizations. We will actively pursue competitive federal opportunities, private foundation awards, and program-specific donations to ensure continuity of services.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☒ N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Paid for through matching funds. (CEO/Program Manager)	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Social Media & Communications (part time for project)	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Paid for through matching funds. (Travel for Leadership; Digital Education Toolkit)	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Paid for through matching funds. (Program Advisor, Media Relations)	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Case Manager (\$55,000 salary plus \$5,000 fringe); Outreach Specialist (\$40,000 - part time)	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Ketamine treatments, stellate ganglion blocks (SGB) & neuroendocrine and biochemical restoration treatments (\$859,000); travel stipends for veterans in treatment (\$30,000); Printed materials for education (\$8,000); Casebook Technology for tracking and reporting (\$2,495)	899,495
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Clinical Researcher (\$5,500 - up to 50 hours for project review and clinical summary)	5,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,034,995



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13. Program Performance

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

The primary objective for Year 2 is to further reduce the systemic and practical barriers that prevent Florida veterans from accessing evidence-based and innovative brain-health treatment modalities. Funding will support three key strategies: Transportation stipends to ensure veterans can consistently attend treatment appointments; dedicated clinical coordination to guide veterans through complex care pathways, and expanded education and training for VA and community counselors on invisible wounds, with specific emphasis on blast-related brain injuries and their downstream behavioral health effects. Increasing access to these modalities will enhance treatment engagement and completion rates, improve measurable clinical outcomes, and strengthen Florida's capacity to validate neurorestorative and neuromodulation therapies as effective interventions for brain injury-related conditions and suicide prevention.

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

Continue providing veterans access to the Millennium Health Brain Resiliency Program, monthly ketamine treatments, adding SGBs, as proven neuroendocrine/biochemical restoration treatment modalities with integration support. Adding key services and activities that remove barriers to participation, include transportation stipends for veterans who cannot safely drive, a dedicated clinical coordinator to manage intake, scheduling, and follow-up, and expanded education for VA and community counselors on blast-related brain injuries. The program will also strengthen data collection to evaluate outcomes and advance statewide neurorestorative and neuromodulation-focused brain-health efforts.

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

Veterans will receive a comprehensive brain-health intake that screens for Repeated Blast Exposure, PTSD, and related conditions, followed by lab-based assessment through Millennium Health to develop individualized treatment plans. Eligible veterans will be referred for ketamine-assisted or SGB treatments with integration support. To ensure access, the project will provide transportation stipends and clinical coordination to assist with onboarding, scheduling, and follow-up care, as well as education on RBE and impact on mental health and continued support. All treatment modalities are delivered under close clinical supervision.

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

Veterans with a range of physiological brain conditions—including traumatic brain injuries (with emphasis on blast-related injuries), co-occurring mental health challenges, and substance use disorders—who are at elevated risk of aggression, self-harm, or suicide will be prioritized for services. The program will serve approximately 100 Florida Veterans, providing coordinated neurorestorative and supportive interventions that promote recovery, reduce risk, and help participants return to stable, healthy functioning and productive engagement in family and community life.

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

The program is expected to improve veterans' physical and mental health, reduce substance use/misuse, increase self-sufficiency, and decrease anxiety/aggression for safer family and community interactions. Outcomes will be measured through pre/post assessments, functioning scales, treatment completion data, and follow-up evaluations. Veterans are already reporting that these treatments "gave them their lives back," reflecting gains in stability and the ability to support themselves and their families. A clinical researcher will assess and tabulate all the data into a comprehensive clinical study.

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?

In addition to standard contractual remedies, the Contracting Agency may impose administrative or financial sanctions for failure to meet required deliverables or performance measures, including issuance of a Corrective Action Plan; withholding, reduction, or recoupment of payments; enhanced reporting or monitoring; and suspension of project activities until compliance is achieved. The State reserves the authority to partially or fully de-obligate funds, including defunding the project upon a demonstrated failure to achieve deliverable goals, and may terminate the contract for cause pursuant to applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?



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- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

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

18. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization**
- b. Municipality and County**



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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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.