



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1898

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The BAF, based in Pensacola, FL is a 501(c)(3), all-volunteer, non-profit supporting the wounded warrior community in Florida and nationally. The BAF supports the continuum of care, a four step process that provides the wounded warrior a positive transition from " active duty injured" to "retired disabled". The continuum includes: transition housing, education, networking for employment, and resolving PTS. Annual events, corporate and private donors, and Foundation partners provide the funding to meet mission objectives. An over riding goal of the Board is the eradication of veteran suicide. The Board is committed to raising awareness of the issues facing wounded warriors, continuing to decrease the suicide rate (presently 16 per day, 5,840 per year), and funding PTS protocols for the wounded warrior and often their family. (Of note, the suicide rate has decreased from 22 per day to 16 per day saving 2,190 veterans per year. The momentum is in place to further decrease the rate).

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 1,000,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,000,000 |

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,000,000 | 33% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 2,000,000 | 67% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 3,000,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2023-24 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 593A | No |

9. **Is future 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.**

Corporate and individual sponsorships and donations; partnership funding with other Foundations.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Salaries requested: none. 100% of requested funds will be allocated to the Warrior Care Network...PTS protocols at evidenced based hospitals...Emory Veteran's Center, Home Base, Rush Medical, and UCLA's Operation Mend. These programs have over a 90% success rate in defeating symptoms as presented. | 1,000,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,000,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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100% of the funds requested will be allocated to support PTS protocols. The level of funding requested will support 40 to 100 wounded warriors. One life saved is important and significant. Our aim is to support hundreds each year. The Board believes this is possible with an increased awareness of the crisis, and by teaming with corporate sponsors, local businesses and government leaders who will both fund and mentor these warriors to restore hope and purpose in their lives.

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

Wounded warriors enrolling in the in-patient program will receive holistic, evidenced based treatment services for themselves and their families. Each hospital also provides intensive out-patient programs designed to meet the unique needs of the service member and their family at no cost to them.

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

The programs integrate evidenced based psychological and psycho-pharmacological treatments, rehabilitative medicine, wellness, nutrition, mindfulness training, and family support with the aim of helping warriors thrive, not just survive. Warriors receive an average of more than 70 direct clinical treatment hours. In addition, the programs are committed to serving family members with couples therapy, family counseling, and wellness training.

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

The post 9.11 wounded warrior community from all branches of the service. Since 9.11, more than 52,000 service members have been wounded in action, there have been more than 1,700 major limb amputations, and it is estimated that more than 500,000 suffer from traumatic brain injury and/or PTS. A \$1,000,000 appropriation to the BAF will allow 30 to 100 warriors to receive PTS protocols. Some will elect the in patient program (\$30,000) and others the out-patient program (\$10,000). Costs are approximate.

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

The BAF mission is to SAVE LIVES. Wounded warriors have given their all to preserve and protect our freedoms. Thousands have come home with physical injuries and the invisible wounds of war we call PTS. In resolving PTS, these wounded warriors find hope and purpose in their lives. Many tell us "this PTS program saved my life". The benefit and the outcome is that these funds raise awareness, they provide the wellness counseling, and care that literally saves lives.

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 the contract?

Deliverable and performance based objectives will be provided on a quarterly basis as wounded warriors complete their PTS protocols.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**