

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: McCormick Research Institute - Veterans Service Center
2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Mike La Rosa
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					2,000,000	2,000,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Veterans' Affairs
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
Return the Funds Appropriated.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Thomasa Sanchez
- b. Organization: McCormick Research Institute (BDA) - Registered with IRS under name Heavenly Hoofs Inc.
- c. Email: thomasa@mccormick.us
- d. Phone #: (407)301-1085

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: McCormick Research Institute
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Osceola
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Osceola

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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

The funds would be used to erect a building that would house a therapy and counseling center for Veterans with PTSD and suicidal ideation, as well as be a counseling center for Veteran families. As well, the space in this building would be used to provide training to other organizations regarding effective, evidence-based practices for providing mental health services to the veteran population.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	CEO who would be overseeing the project serves full-time pro-bono.	0
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a building of approximately 14,000 square feet.	2,000,000
TOTAL		2,000,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category "h. Fixed Capital Outlay" was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

For Profit

Non Profit 501(c) (3)

Non Profit 501(c) (4)

Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)

State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)

Other (Please describe): Osceola County owns the property and facilities where McCormick Research Institute lease.

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The McCormick Research Institute partners, Osceola County and University of Central Florida are all in support and willing to write letters.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Therapy and group counseling to Veterans with PTSD, training to equip others to provide therapy and group counseling to Veterans with PTSD.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The funding would pay for building which would host services for veterans.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): Veterans

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Improved physical health as it relates to veterans who become more active despite physical limitations	Assessments administered by University of Central Florida College of Medicine doctors (partners with

	(McCormick Research Institute hosts many physical activities), improved physical health as it relates to veterans who once stayed in their homes, but come to McCormick and begin to socialize with others and get out of their homes.	McCormick) that are completed before the program and upon completion. As well, all services that are part of research programs are designed and operationalized empirically with evidence-based measures with the intent to publish findings.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Improved mental health as it relates to PTSD, which may include decreased anger, irritability, fear, hostility, or other symptom of PTSD. And increased communication, self control, relationships, etc.	Assessments administered by University of Central Florida College of Medicine doctors (partners with McCormick) that are completed before the program and upon completion. These include the PCLM, Beck Depression Inventory, Burns Anxiety Inventory, and Collins Revised Adult Attachment Scale. As well, all services that are part of research programs are designed and operationalized empirically with evidence-based measures with the intent to publish findings.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Reduce violence committed by Veterans with PTSD both to their families, co-workers, and in the	McCormick's efforts are part of a longitudinal study being conducted by McCormick, University of Central Florida and Rollins College. One of

	general public.	the impacts we hope to observe in reduction in criminal activity that occurs as a result of Veterans getting good mental health care during times of crisis.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Since much stress is related to transitioning from service to civilian and financial management, a portion of McCormick programs teach financial management.	Pre and post self-report assessments. Surveys collected 2 years out of treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Since many Veterans with PTSD using drugs and alcohol as a coping mechanism, McCormick programs address this challenge. Services include AA, NA, and individual therapy.	Pre and post self-report assessments. Surveys collected 2 years out of treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Scaling effective equineassisted mental health throughout US	The outcome we aim for is twofold: 1) create evidence-based research supporting added value of equineassisted therapies for Veterans with PTSD and suicidal ideation and have this published in peer-reviewed academic journals and presented to VA, DOD, and legislators, and 2) in turn, expand access to these kinds of therapies.	Success will be measured by 1) publishing of research in empirical peer-reviewed journals, 2) increased funds available and used to deliver such services - grant support, donor support, and government support will be compared before additions of programs (2017) and five years post new services offered as a result of additional facilities.

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	2,000,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	2,000,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No