



Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program Annual Performance Report Fiscal Year 2023-24

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SUMMARY

The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP) administers a statewide coordinated system of care to serve persons who have sustained moderate-to-severe traumatic brain and/or spinal cord injuries. The BSCIP is mandated by Chapter 381, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to provide eligible persons the opportunity to obtain the necessary rehabilitative services enabling them to be referred to a vocational rehabilitation program or to return to their community.

- Eligible individuals served by the BSCIP General Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24: 987

The BSCIP General Program provides community reintegration services to individuals determined to be eligible. These services include assistive devices, community reentry/transitional living, comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation, diagnostics, home modifications, medical follow-up, medications/medical supplies, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological/neuropsychological evaluations, rehabilitation engineer evaluations, speech/cognitive therapy, and transportation services.

During FY 2023-24, 73% of clients served and closed from the General Program were community reintegrated and/or accepted for services by the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The BSCIP is the only publicly funded state program devoted entirely to the rehabilitation of individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain and/or spinal cord injury. In addition to providing services to 987 individuals through its General Program, the BSCIP also supports research through funding distributed to the University of Florida's McKnight Brain Institute and the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. These funds, as outlined in the revenue section on page 3 of this report, are distributed pursuant to section 381.79(3), F.S., and section 316.0083(1)(a)3.a., F.S. The BSCIP is staffed with dedicated and trained professionals who seek to transform the lives of the people they serve daily.

To be eligible for BSCIP General Program services, pursuant to section 381.76, F.S., an individual must:

- Be referred to the BSCIP Central Registry pursuant to section 381.74, F.S.
- Be a legal resident of the state of Florida as defined in rule 64I-1.001, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- Have sustained a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury as defined by section 381.745, F.S.
- Be medically stable as defined in rule 64I-1.001(1)(d), F.A.C.
- Be reasonably able to achieve reintegration into the community through services provided by the BSCIP.

Section 381.79, F.S., mandates the BSCIP provide a report to the Florida Legislature each year summarizing the activities supported by the BSCIP Trust Fund. This report summarizes the BSCIP's budget, revenue, expenditures, and statistical data for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS, REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURES

The following revenue and expenditure information was obtained from the Florida Department of Financial Services information system and reflects the BSCIP's budget allocations, trust fund revenues, and the overall expenditures by each program and fund for FY 2023-24.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Total budget allocations in FY 2023-24 were \$19,597,835. **Table 1** reflects the spending authority allocated to the BSCIP.

Table 1

Operating and Administrative Costs	Budget Allocation by Funding Source		
	BSCIP Trust Fund	General Revenue	Total
Salary	\$ 2,997,812	\$ -	\$ 2,997,812
OPS	\$ 124,190	\$ -	\$ 124,190
Expense	\$ 573,192	\$ -	\$ 573,192
OCO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leasing of Equipment	\$ 47,576	\$ -	\$ 47,576
Total	\$ 3,742,770	\$ -	\$ 3,742,770

Programmatic Costs	Budget Allocation by Funding Source		
	BSCIP Trust Fund	General Revenue	Total
Contracted Services ¹	\$ 1,563,582	\$ 4,500,000 ¹	\$ 6,063,582
Client Services – General Program	\$ 1,676,352	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,676,352
Research Pass Through per ss. 381.79(3), 316.0083(3)(a), F.S.	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
Medically Fragile Enhancement Payment	\$ -	\$ 610,020	\$ 610,020
State Matching Funds Transfer to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver ²	\$ 2,505,111	\$ -	\$ 2,505,111
Total	\$ 9,745,045	\$ 6,110,020	\$ 15,855,065

Grand Total Budget Allocation by Funding Source	\$ 13,487,815	\$ 6,110,020	\$ 19,597,835
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¹ Per the FY 2023-24 General Appropriations Act, \$2,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund was provided to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis to develop new treatments for those living with a traumatic brain injury and/or paralysis and \$2,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund was provided to the Bitner/Plante Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Initiative of Florida. These funds are a part of the BSCIP contracted services expenditures.

² During the 2017 Legislative Session, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) received legislative approval to consolidate the Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Home and Community-Based Waiver and the Adult Cystic Fibrosis (ACF) Waiver, which were being operated by the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program into the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver Program. As a result, the BSCIP was only responsible for operating the waivers through December 31, 2017. The BSCIP Trust Fund was used as state match for the TBI/SCI Waiver Program. This line item authorizes payment for any remaining state match payments owed to AHCA.

REVENUE

Revenue made available to the BSCIP Trust Fund through traffic-related civil penalties, boating citations, transfers, and temporary license tags was \$10,275,379. Total revenue increased by \$396,906 (3.9%) as compared to the previous fiscal year. **Table 2** reflects the BSCIP Trust Fund revenue sources.

Table 2

Revenue Source	Amount
Traffic-Related Civil Penalties	\$ 5,175,227
Traffic-Related Civil Penalties – Red Light Camera Fines ³	\$ 2,536,738
Driving or Boating Under the Influence Fines	\$ 1,087,301
Subrogation	\$ 71,726
Temporary License Tags, Motorcycle Specialty Tags, and Transfers ⁴	\$ 1,359,952
Fee for Conviction	\$ 14,743
Other (Grants, Donations, and Refunds)	\$ 29,692
Total Revenue^{3,4}	\$ 10,275,379⁵

³ Section 381.79(3), F.S., requires that: “(3) Annually, 5 percent of the revenues deposited monthly in the fund pursuant to s. 318.21(2)(d) shall be appropriated to the University of Florida and 5 percent to the University of Miami for spinal cord injury and brain injury research. The amount to be distributed to the universities shall be calculated based on the deposits into the fund for each quarter in the fiscal year, but may not exceed \$500,000 per university per year. Funds distributed under this subsection shall be made in quarterly payments at the end of each quarter during the fiscal year.”

⁴ Section 316.0083(1)(a)3.a., F.S., requires that: “3. Penalties to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality are as follows: a. One hundred fifty-eight dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal if enforcement is by the department’s traffic infraction enforcement officer. One hundred dollars shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, \$3 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, and \$45 shall be distributed to the municipality in which the violation occurred, or, if the violation occurred in an unincorporated area, to the county in which the violation occurred. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund under this sub-subparagraph shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1). Proceeds of the infractions in the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund shall be distributed quarterly to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and used for brain and spinal cord research.”

⁵ Section 215.20(1), F.S., requires that, “(1) A service charge of 8 percent, representing the estimated pro rata share of the cost of general government paid from the General Revenue Fund, is hereby appropriated from all income of a revenue nature deposited in all trust funds except those enumerated in s. 215.22.” In FY 2023-24, the service charge incurred by the BSCIP Trust Fund was \$809,478.

EXPENDITURES

Total BSCIP expenditures in FY 2023-24 were \$14,802,908. Of the total BSCIP expenditures, \$6,951,894 (47%) were expended from the BSCIP Trust Fund. The remaining \$7,854,014 (53%) of expended funds were from the state General Revenue Fund. Individuals were provided with the services needed to be safely reintegrated into the community utilizing federal, state, and community resources. The BSCIP was the payor of last resort for clients with unmet needs. The tables below break down the BSCIP's expenses in two different ways: **Table 3** shows the expenses by the BSCIP (General Program or Pass Through/Direct Appropriations) and **Table 4** shows expenses by funding source (BSCIP Trust Fund or General Revenue).

Table 3

Operating and Administrative Costs	Total Expenditures by Program		
	General Program	Pass Through/Direct Appropriations	Total
Salary	\$ 2,840,684	\$ -	\$ 2,840,684
OPS	\$ 106,288	\$ -	\$ 106,288
Expense	\$ 478,824	\$ -	\$ 478,824
OCO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leasing of Equipment	\$ 5,753	\$ -	\$ 5,753
Total	\$ 3,431,549	\$ -	\$ 3,431,549

Programmatic Costs	Total Expenditures by Program		
	General Program	Pass Through/Direct Appropriations	Total
Contracted Services ⁶	\$ 1,194,099	\$ 4,468,083 ⁶	\$ 5,662,182
Client Services – General Program	\$ 2,326,246	\$ -	\$ 2,326,246
Research Pass Through per ss. 381.79(3), 316.0083(3)(a), F.S.	\$ -	\$ 2,772,911	\$ 2,772,911
Medically Fragile Enhancement Payment	\$ -	\$ 610,020	\$ 610,020
State Matching Funds Transfer to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver ⁷	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,520,345	\$ 7,851,014	\$ 11,371,359

Grand Total by Program	\$ 6,951,894	\$ 7,851,014	\$ 14,802,908
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⁷ During the 2017 Legislative Session, AHCA received legislative approval to consolidate the TBI/SCI Home and Community-Based Waiver and the ACF Waiver, which were being operated by the BSCIP into the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver Program. As a result, the BSCIP was only responsible for operating the waivers through December 31, 2017. The BSCIP Trust Fund was used as state match for the TBI/SCI Waiver Program. This line item includes payments for any remaining state match payments owed to AHCA.

Table 4

Operating and Administrative Costs	Total by Funding Source		
	BSCIP Trust Fund	General Revenue	Total
Salary	\$ 2,840,684	\$ -	\$ 2,840,684
OPS	\$ 106,288	\$ -	\$ 106,288
Expense	\$ 478,824	\$ -	\$ 478,824
OCO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leasing of Equipment	\$ 5,753	\$ -	\$ 5,753
Total	\$ 3,431,549	\$ -	\$ 3,431,549

Programmatic Costs	Total by Funding Source		
	BSCIP Trust Fund	General Revenue	Total
Contracted Services ⁸	\$ 1,194,099	\$ 4,468,083 ⁸	\$ 5,662,182
Client Services – General Program	\$ 1,325,658	\$ 999,587	\$ 2,325,245
Research Pass Through per ss. 381.79(3), 316.0083(3)(a), F.S.	\$ 2,772,911	\$ -	\$ 2,772,911
Medically Fragile Enhancement Payment	\$ -	\$ 610,020	\$ 610,020
State Matching Funds Transfer to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver ⁹	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 5,292,668	\$ 6,077,690	\$ 11,370,358

Grand Total by Funding Source	\$ 8,724,217	\$ 6,077,690	\$ 14,801,907
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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

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Public Records Coordinator
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-02
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1702
Telephone: 850-245-4005
FAX: 850-413-8743
PublicRecordsRequest@FLHealth.gov

More information pertaining to submitting a public records request can be found on the Florida Department of Health's website:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/about/sunshine-info/public-records-requests/index.html>