



THE MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE

**Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations:
Texas Veterans + Family Alliance**

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About MMHPI

■ History

- The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute traces its origins to the vision of The Meadows Foundation and its philanthropic leadership throughout the state of Texas on mental health and other vital public issues.

■ Mission

- To support the implementation of policies and programs that help Texans obtain effective, efficient mental health care when and where they need it.

■ Vision

- For Texas to be the national leader in treating people with mental health needs.

■ Key Principles

- Accessible & effective behavioral health care
- Accountability to taxpayers
- Delivery through local systems & collaboration
- Data driven quality outcomes
- Necessary robust workforce

SB 55 – Partnering for Success

■ Texas Veterans + Family Alliance

- An innovative grant program that will support community mental health programs providing services and treatment to veterans and military families.

■ A Partnership

- Requires HHSC to enter into an agreement with a qualified nonprofit or private entity to serve as the administrator of the grant program in order to assist, support, and advise the program.

■ Pilot Administrator Selection

- Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) named as the administrator for the pilot grant program.

Roles of the Pilot Administrator

- Support Implementation
- No State Funds Provided for Administrator Support
 - Administrator support is provided at *no cost* to the state.
 - MMHPI supports TV+FA with the full breadth of our organization, which includes dedicated staff, executive leadership, legal counsel, and our communications, development, evaluation and external affairs departments.
 - MMHPI relies on its philanthropic donors to cover all of the costs of this important work.

Importance and Value of the Match

■ Securing the Required Match

- Pilot administrator assists with identifying the **\$1 million match** in local and private funds for the \$1 million in state funds provided for the pilot.

■ Importance of the Match

- The generosity of Texans and the role of philanthropy is integral to this model.
- State government is investing **\$21 million** in programs to serve veterans and their families based on the willingness of philanthropists to embrace the concept and provide a leverage point for the investment of taxpayer dollars.
- Philanthropists are more likely to support worthy projects from their community with the prospect of state matching dollars.
- This blended funding model represents a public/private financing model that is potentially applicable to other critical health and human services needs.

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