



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Marion County Veterans Treatment Court

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 10/31/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Marion County Veterans Treatment Court is a court supervised, comprehensive treatment program designed to identify with qualifying criminal charges who: (1) are active military or who have a honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge from military service; (2) have a documented mental health diagnosis, including but not limited to post-traumatic stress disorder traumatic brain injury, and/or a substance abuse disorder, and (3) have an existing nexus between the office or diagnoses and the military service. Veterans Treatment Court is a problem-solving treatment court which includes regular court appearances before a dedicate judge, intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment services including, but not limited random and observed drug and alcohol testing, guidance and support of a Veteran-Peer-Mentor, compliance education and/or job placement services. This includes substance abuse and mental health disorders. Service members have many shared experiences.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? State Court System

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
150,000		150,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 150,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		50,000	50,000

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

150,000.

### 11. Program Performance:

- What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

Funds requested to provide case management and treatment services for the Marion County Veterans Treatment Court

- What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Veteran participants will have regular court appearances before a dedicated judge, supervision by a trained case manager, intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment services including, but not limited to individual and group counseling, regular attendance at sobriety support meetings in the community, random and observed drug and alcohol testing guidance and support a veterans peer mentor, compliance with medical and other personal appointment needs, housing assistance, and linkage to vocational training, education and/or job placement services. The Veterans Treatment Court is operated under the supervision of highly trained judges and coordinators that follow established evidence-based best practices and policies and procedures set forth by my multi-disciplinary team when the program was developed that is modified, as needed to address emerging trends and needs for Veterans.

- How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Court Assistant & Program Assistant (case management & post-after care monitoring)	83,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Volunteer Vet-to-Vet Mentor Training	17,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services and Drug Testing Services	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		150,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Veteran participants will have regular court appearances before a dedicated judge, supervision by a dedicated, trained case manager, intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment services including but not limited to individual and group counseling regular attendance at sobriety support meetings in the community, random and observed drug and alcohol testing, guidance and support of a veteran peer mentor, compliance with medical and other personal appointments/needs, housing assistance and linkage to vocational training, education and/or job placement services. Post Aftercare Services for Veterans will assist in building a strong relationship between Alumni and Senior Mentor which builds camaraderie and social support after successful graduation from the program. It also will assist the Veteran in transitioning for the Veteran graduate from an elevated level of supervision to a more independent lifestyle outside the criminal justice system.



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

Veterans residing in Marion County, Florida with qualifying criminal charges who: (1) are active military or who have a honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge from military service; (2) have a documented mental health diagnosis, including but not limited to, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and/or substance abuse disorder; and (3) have an existing nexus between the offense or diagnoses and the military service. This program will have the capacity of serving at least 50 Veterans.

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

Provides multi-level benefits to the community including improvement in public safety, substantial monetary savings and a projected lower recidivism rate for successful participants. Diverts qualified veterans who are criminal defendants from jail to court supervised treatment-based programs and community based services. Provides treatment, community support and accountability. Provides intensive one-on-one case management, restores citizens and families. It will also cover professional services not provided by the Veterans Administration for outpatient treatment. Veterans Treatment Courts is monitored frequently for adherence to best practices and model fidelity. This occurs through annual reports, participation in surveys, evaluation opportunities as they arise and by frequent stakeholder meetings.

**g. 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?**

Reduction in or removal of funding.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Jon Lin
- b. **Organization:** Marion County, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court
- c. **Email:** jlin@circuit5.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)401-6707

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** State Court System, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court
- b. **County:** Marion
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☒ Other (Please specify) State Court System, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court



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- d. Contact Name:** Jonathan Lin
- e. E-mail Address:** jlin@circuit5.org
- f. Phone Number:** (352)401-6707

**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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