



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1589

1. **Title of Project:** Northwest Florida State College - Veterans Success

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

These funds will be used to create a success center where Active Duty, Reserves, Guard, and Military veterans and their families can collaborate, study, relax, and gain valuable educational and career services in one central location. The benefit of such a Veteran Success Center will provide a one-stop shop for educational and transitional learning & service programs for veterans and their families. It will provide a center whose focus is aimed at those who share a similar life style and common experiences. This center will offer a tranquil, professional, and respectful location (including state of the art infrastructure and technology) where veterans and their families can study or pursue other scholastic assignments, or to work within a cooperative community that offers resources for leadership, support, advisement, and involvement.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,025,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,025,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,025,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,025,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Positions would include a lead military specialist, navigators/advisors, dedicated military transcript specialist, disability support specialist to serve unique needs of military personnel	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, equipment, furniture/fixtures to accommodate for special needs of veteran population	1,025,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Build-out of tranquility (peace) lounge, technology center, and private study area for Veterans Success Center	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,025,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Veterans Success Center will provide high-quality support services to military veterans, service members, dependents and stakeholders. It will assist Northwest Florida State College in furthering its commitment to meet the unique needs of our military service members and their families

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

It will provide a center whose focus is aimed at those who share a similar life style and common experiences. This center will offer a tranquil, professional, and respectful location (including state of the art infrastructure and technology) where veterans and their families can study or pursue other scholastic assignments, or to work within a cooperative community that offers resources for leadership, support, advisement, and involvement.

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

Assist service members with their transition to a collegiate experience with reserved veteran/military area; help veterans achieve academic success with a dedicated navigator/advisor and career placement specialist; expand military specific resources to assist with transcript evaluation, VA certifications & Tuition assistance processing; provide training opportunities for job placement and personal development.

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



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Jobless persons, University/College students, military veterans, 800 +

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

Improve physical health, mental health, quality of education, increase economic activity, and enhance specific individual's economic self worth: successful educational and career outcomes for veterans, the number of Veterans placed into the workforce or continuing their education, increased number of veterans, active duty, and military dependents successfully completing a certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree, count of veterans, active duty, and military dependents served by the Veterans Success Center, and attainment of a job with a sustainable family wage.

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 in the contract?

The Department may terminate the agreement at any time in the event of the failure of the College to fulfill any of it's obligations under the agreement

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.

Northwest Florida State College

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Northwest Florida State College
- b. **County:** Okaloosa
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) x
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information



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