



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1726

1. Title of Project: Florida Medal of Honor Memorial Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/12/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Request funding to construct a memorial in Highlands County to recognize the Medal of Honor recipients from the State of Florida. The land has been dedicated by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, local business pro bono totals \$130,000 already in place for the project. Building plans are complete, project is ready to launch. The monies requested are to cover the hard costs of concrete, steel and improvements. The memorial will provide an educational opportunity for Central Florida schools for field trips as well as a venue for veterans events. This memorial will also serve as a tourism stop for the local economy. All Medal of Honor recipients will be recognized and citations will be housed in an open air structure in the center of the grounds. A learning center is proposed for future development on the site as well. The Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc is a 501.c3 volunteer organization in Highlands County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Veterans Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	250,000	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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds requested are for construction costs for building, parking, walls and landscaping.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of the funds requested will be to construct a Medal of Honor Memorial in Highlands County. This memorial will be the only one in Florida recognizing the MOH recipients from the State of Florida. All phases of planning are complete, these funds are for the actual cost of construction.

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

If these funds are approved, the contractor will be contacted to begin construction on the memorial. The project manager is in place to direct the construction project.

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

Central Florida schools will be given the opportunity to conduct field trips to learn about the history of the MOH, increased awareness of our local culture with a highlight on the State of Florida. Increased tourist visits to our area to visit the memorial. Highlight of local veteran's events and services.

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

The target population served would be Polk, Highlands, Hardee, Desoto, Okeechobee, Glades and Hendry Counties. However, we believe visitors from across Florida will visit the memorial site.

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

On site surveys will be taken to measure the benefit to our local area.

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?



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Those penalties have not been negotiated at this time.

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.

The land is owned by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. The project will be constructed on this 1.32 acre tract. The Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc. is a 501c3 group of volunteers dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the facility.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc.
- b. **County:** Highlands
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
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