



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1733

**1. Title of Project:** Miami-Dade Veterans Treatment Court

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Jose Rodriguez

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

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Miami-Dade Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a problem-solving court designed to offer treatment in lieu of incarceration for veterans whose substance use disorders and/or mental illness appear to have contributed significantly to their arrest. VTC seeks to provide a means to divert eligible veteran participants from the traditional criminal justice system, offer support and rehabilitation through comprehensive substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, education and vocational programs, and community resource referrals for housing and transportation under court supervision.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** State Court System

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	262,571
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>262,571</b>

**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)	262,571	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>262,571</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		150,500	3165A	No

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes**

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 275000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	One Cases Manager (\$48,394) One Intake Specialist (\$57,396)	105,790
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Local mileage for the case manager to monitor their clients in residential treatment, and for the intake specialist to conduct screenings and assessments in the jails (\$1,500); office equipment and all office-related supplies for the overall daily operations of the program (\$1,000); travel expenses for 9 VTC team member to attend the National Association for Drug Court Professionals Conference (\$24,260) and the Florida Behavioral Health Conference (\$10,679); and urinalysis test kits including Se	57,906
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	An evidence-based risk and need assessment tool to screen referred potential participants ensuring the veterans population (\$1,450) is being served; urinalysis testing services (\$50,000); a web-based and toll-free telephone notification system for the management and selection of random alcohol and drug testing (\$7,425); emergency shelter for homeless veterans, residential treatment- when not available through the VA, and outpatient treatment for eligible participants who are ineligible for VA s	98,875
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>262,571</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The funds will be used to support the MDVTC. This specialized court is intended to provide rehabilitative services for veterans who have been charged with non-violent crimes and have been identified as suffering from serious mental health conditions or substance use disorders. Veterans will be diverted from the traditional justice system and receive help with reintegration into the community.

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



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The funds will support VTC's general daily operations; assessment of potential participants; development of case plan; placement in emergency shelter if needed; outpatient or residential treatment; ensure proper wrap around services through the VA or other community agencies; ensure frequent alcohol and other drug testing; and training for VTC team members to maintain current court practices.

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

Intake screening and assessment, intensive case management, random alcohol and drug testing, emergency shelter, residential and/or outpatient treatment, and staff training.

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

The justice-involved veteran population within Miami-Dade County. VTC is anticipated to serve 50-75 veterans.

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

\*Provide access to services that may improve quality of life by stabilization mental health: to be measured via evidence-based screening and assessment tools  
\*Enhance individuals economic self-sufficiency: to be measured via monitoring compliance with VA vocational rehabilitation, work programs, and housing programs  
\*Reduce recidivism: to be measured via a risk-need-responsivity model and follow-up  
\*Reduce substance abuse: to be measured via random, consistent, and frequent alcohol and drug testing, and when appropriate, medically assisted treatment for veterans with opioid addiction

**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?**

Financial consequences will be administrated to contract service providers for failure to provide quantity or quality services, in compliance with protocols, procedures and contract terms established by the court.

**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.**

Not applicable.

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- a. **Organization:** Miami-Dade County
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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