



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2202

1. **Title of Project:** Building Homes and Rebuilding Lives for Veterans

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Building Homes for Heroes (BBH) is a nonprofit organization that builds and modifies homes for injured veterans, their family members, and Gold Star Families. The organization will be rebuilding lives of many Florida veterans who have honorably served and returned home tragically injured. Many of the home recipients are paralyzed, missing limbs, blind, and/or struggle with TBI and PTSD. The organization will be providing these families with a place of security while, at the same time, hiring local Florida contractors and providing an economic boost to communities all across Florida. Thanks to the comfort and security of receiving a mortgage-free home, our veterans and their families are pursuing their dreams and becoming successful in business, academics, and athletics. Receiving a home provides a basis for recovery, a sense of comfort and warmth, and has further provided them the opportunity to live the life they always dreamed of.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		75,000	2216	No

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



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- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,000,000

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	All funding Building Homes for Heroes receives will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, and enhance homes to and for Florida veterans.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

All funding Building Homes for Heroes will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, enhance, and beautify homes to and for Florida veterans, their family members, and Gold Star Families, to provide them with a place of security and comfort, while at the same time, hiring hundreds of Florida contractors and proving an economic boost to communities all across Florida.

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

BBH plans to help boost Florida's economy and infrastructure by building and modifying a minimum of 20 homes. Homes will be built from the ground-up, modify homes, and renovate foreclosed homes. All ground-up homes will be made to meet hurricane-related regulations. The appropriated \$1 million will become a minimum \$4.5 million investment directly to veterans, Florida contractors, vendors, communities, and the state. BBH will be building homes, rebuilding lives, hiring hundreds of licensed Florida contractors, beautifying communities, and inspiring residents around veterans all across Florida.

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

All funding Building Homes for Heroes will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, enhance, and beautify homes to and for Florida veterans, their family members, and Gold Star families. This, in turn, will have an economic impact that will benefit communities and contractors all across Florida.

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



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BBH strives to help veterans who served their country with honor, who returned from their deployment with physical and/or psychological injuries, including PTSD and TBI, who now face an uncertain future. BBH gifts them homes that adapt to their injuries, improving their quality of life, and happiness. The home recipients have given feedback multiple times that receiving a home saved their lives. BBH is helping spouses and children of veterans who face similar problems as they pursue a normal and productive life. Through a mortgage-free home gift and continuous care from within our program, they will receive the foundation and support system to live a hopeful life and become productive members of the community. Hundreds of contractors will be hired to perform the construction of these homes, and hundreds of residents, firefighters and police officers will join in celebrating these patriotic home giftings. BBH expects to serve hundreds of individuals who fall within these categories.

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

The gifting, modification, and enhancement of a minimum of 20 homes for injured veterans and their families, while boosting Florida's economy by hiring hundreds of licensed Florida contractors and rejuvenating local communities. The methodology to determine this is: the number of injured veterans and their families who receive homes, the number of homes completed, the number of contractors hired, the total value returned to veterans, contractors, and communities combined (expected to exceed \$4.5 million) and the community spirit that is lifted within neighborhoods all across the state of Florida.

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?

We would recommend the same penalty from previous years' grant requests: A financial consequence of \$40,000 per project home not fully completed up to the full amount payable under this deliverable.

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.

Building Homes for Heroes will use 100 percent of all appropriation dollars directly for the cost of construction, closing cost, utilities, and enhancements.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Andy Pujol
- b. **Organization:** Building Homes for Heroes
- c. **E-mail Address:** Andy@buildinghomesforheroes.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (516)316-3358

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Building Homes for Heroes
- b. **County:** Nassau
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
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