



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2659

1. **Title of Project:** Affordable Housing for Veterans

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project will provide permanent, affordable housing for Veterans. Phase I will include 22, 1 bedroom and 3, 2 bedrooms units. One important benefit for Veterans is that Veterans living with Veterans can have a positive influence in reducing the daily suicide rate.

In addition, there will be a multi-function Community Center (6,000 sq. ft.) containing a full kitchen and library/computer center. Also, the center will be able to serve as a disaster/distribution point and house up to 150 individuals for a short term in event of a declared disaster by the Governor. There will be showers and restroom facilities. Normal use will include meeting rooms for American Legion Post 84 Family and other non-profit Veteran Service Organizations. The hall (4,000 sq. ft.) can be rented out for private and public functions.

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 | 3,300,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,300,000 |

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) | 3,300,000 | 100.0% |
| Federal | | 0.0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | | 0.0% |
| Local | | 0.0% |
| Other | | 0.0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 3,300,000 | 100.0% |

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

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
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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 | Veteran Center (6,000 Sq. FT.), Surveying, Engineering and Geotechnical services, Security System, generator, kitchen equipment, Septic System, Permitting, Apartments - 20 1BDRM/1 Bath and 5 2 BDRM/1 Bath | 3,300,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,300,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

Provide Affordable Housing for Veteran and an environment suitable to Veterans. This will be a trusted living style that will help to reduce the daily Veterans suicide rate.

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

Transportation to VA Health Center and Tallahassee, Meal Discounts at the Kitchen, use of the Library and Computer Center, Offer Job Fairs and Health Seminars.

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

Transportation to VA Health Center and Tallahassee, Meal Discounts at the Kitchen, use of the Library and Computer Center, Offer Job Fairs and Health Seminars.

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

Veterans who do not have a permanent housing or puts a financial burden on the Veterans. In the eight-county area it is estimated there are over 300 veterans. This count is based on the annual, "Point in Time Count", conducted by VA, and those Veterans currently waiting roles of HUD for housing.

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

Reduce the number of Veterans that meet the above criteria.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

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.

Friends of Post 84 Inc.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Friends of Post 84 Inc.
- c. **E-mail Address:** friendspost84@earthlink.net
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)309-0071

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Friends of Post 84 Inc.
- b. **County:** Gadsden
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** James Brennan
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**