



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2380

1. **Project Title** VETERANS VILLAGE OF CITRUS COUNTY

2. **Senate Sponsor** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Request** 01/09/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

Construction and management of a nonprofit ALF for Veterans regardless of ability to pay. It is designed to offer long term care in an environment which provides community living at below market rates, a full-time Veteran's Outreach Director coordinating VA benefits, and the utilization of Veterans as employees. Our partnership with Mission United, under the United Way has allowed us to serve and develop services directed at the personal needs of the Veteran.

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

State Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,308,815
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,058,815</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3058815	20.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	1,600,000	11 %
Other	10,264,185	69 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>14,923,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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	Management Company Fee (See attached Operating Summary and Performa)	48,629
Other Salary and Benefits	Marketing and Accounting	112,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General Administration	265,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architectural Plans (See attached plans) and Financing Fees of \$80,000 have already been paid by donations and a projected 48000 for completion and/or changes	48,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries 471297 and benefits of 117824 from operating budget	589,121
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Total housekeeping, food and furnishings	221,065
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	48269 has already been paid through private donations with projected cost during construction of 25000	25,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	8500000 construction loan has been approved by USDA with a 1275000 down payment and 500000 in closing and contingency cost	1,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		3,058,815



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

The development of a nonprofit planned assisted living facility focused on Veterans offering room, food and daily support below market rates with financial assistance and a full time outreach Director coordinating VA benefits, local medical assistance and general daily life assistance. Veteran Village will be the first full service continuous care center for veterans and their families.

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

Veteran Village has partnered with Citrus County and will be constructed on the campus in Lecanto, FL that has the Veterans Service Facility, VA clinic and mass transit facilities. As mentioned above, the Director along with our partners at Mission United, will focus on ascertaining the needs of each veteran and assisting them determining their individual needs. Further, our local veteran organizations, over 40 of them, are the Advisory Board for Veterans Village along with our medical community will assist in identifying those veterans that need daily living assistance.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Veterans Village will provide rooms and boarding to veterans regardless of their economic situation, but it goes much further than that. This past year, Veterans Village and Mission United served over 200 veterans in everything from housing assistance, food, transportation, medical assistance, completing forms for taxes or VA to balancing their checking accounts. The one area that was consistent, was the need for a long term plan and companionship. By providing both, studies have shown a direct decrease in health cost, drug dependency and suicide.

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

By targeting the Veterans living in Citrus and our surrounding counties, there is approximately 130,000 veterans. Veterans Village first phase will offer 120 apartments with the ability to expand on the 10 acres available.

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

Veteran Village, as a non profit, will provide the services of an ALF and through donations and a portion of operating profits serve all veterans regardless of their economic situation, giving back to those who have served in our military. The measured outcome will be the immediate improvement in the lives of those veterans that could not afford the high cost of assisted-living and the benefits of that life style without a Veterans Village.

- 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?

With the approval of financing from USDA, once construction begins, the bank will direct payment as work is completed and approved.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

As a nonprofit, all board members receive no compensation and/or any financial interest in the facility. All our volunteers.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
- ☒ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.