



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1013

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Founded in 2012, Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc. is focused on ensuring women who served on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserves and their children, transition into the civilian community with the tools and resources they need to become self-sufficient. "Women Veterans Ignited" is a response to the rise in suicide among women veterans and the decline in economic stability. Services provided are financial assistances, workshops, emergency shelter, counseling, food, transportation, and case management. Clients/participants are followed for up to 12 months after last service. 85% of our clients are overcoming military sexual trauma and or PTSD. Our "safe space" allows them to open up and begin to heal as they get help with basic needs and other services. In addition, we provide proactive personal and professional development programs so that women who become self-sufficient, continue to thrive.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	802,377
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	802,377

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	802,377	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	75,000	9%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	877,377	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	568,745	593A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

While we can request grants, they are never guaranteed. If approved, we are looking at only about 10% of what is needed to keep the doors open.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	CEO is responsible for overall management of the organization to include supervising management team, attend meetings relevant to programs and well being of women veterans, facilitate workshops, create annual budget, advocate for women veterans, locally, statewide, and nationally. Salary: \$85,000, Benefits \$12,500	97,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Office manager supervise admin staff, manage HR and facility functions. Prepare reports and train office personnel. Admin Assistant/Receptionist provides basic admin support, answer phones, greet visitors, prepare correspondence. Office Manager salary: \$48,000, Benefits: \$7,300 Admin Salary \$25,000 Benefits: \$1,100	81,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies \$3,000; Rent \$12,000,; Website maintenance \$700; Liability Insurance \$1,200; Postage \$50; Travel \$500, Advertisement \$500; Admin \$5,000. Communication & Technology: \$2,300	25,250
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accountant	13,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	COO/Program Manager is responsible for oversight of all programs, prepare reports, supervise program coordinators Salary: \$65,000, Benefits \$8,500 Program Cord oversee HerTOTALWellness \$40,000; 2 Case mgrs \$80,000; Lead Case Mgr Salary \$45,000; Social Worker Salary \$52,000; Outreach/Grant Coord Salary \$43,000; OPS Coord Salary \$40,000, Overall Benefits: \$51,227	424,727



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Financial Assistance, emergency shelter, daycare, and food for at-risk women veterans and their children: \$75,000; Conferences & Travel: \$10,000, Supplies \$2,500; Technology & Communications \$3,500; Printing: \$3,500, Insurance; \$2,500; Marketing \$5,000, HerSPACE Emergency Facility: \$18,000; Rent for Program facility: \$30,000; HerTIME Retreats \$5,000	155,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Facilitators	15,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		811,877

14. Program Performance

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

Funds will support all programs within the organization. These programs provide holistic and wrap-a-round services for women veterans and are the only of it's kind in the state of Florida. The goal is to help women veterans with personal and professional development, help stabilize at-risk or homeless women veterans and their children, and provide resources for their success. These programs help to combat suicide and provide options and resources to make healthy decisions for their lives.

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

HerTOTALWellness is 6 weeks of workshops on body, mind and economic empowerment. HerSPACE provides temporary shelter for 7 women and children up to 6 months and case management. HerBIZ allows women veterans to spend 6 months in workshops and hands-on assistance to help them start their own business. Operation Hand-UP provides clothing, food, transportation, counseling, and financial assistance to women veterans and their children.

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

All the services noted in section b., will be provided to citizens who have served in the military. Our services are also extended to daughters of veterans age 18-24. Each program participant will receive workshops from industry experts. In addition, participants and clients needing financial assistant will be case managed with goals to achieve. Counseling is provided as well as food and transportation. Those in our shelter are case managed, assisted with finding stable housing and employment. Resource fairs will be provided for rural areas with the collaboration of other community partners and the VA.

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

The target population served by this project are women who have served in the military and their children. We also accept daughters of veterans age 18-24 into our programs. With this funding, we expect to serve 400-800 clients/participants during this funding period.

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

There is a pre and post assessment administered for all of our programs. We also do a one-on-one intake with clients. These two methods allow us to collect needed data.
 100% of eligible veterans will be connected to the VA Health System.
 95% of women veterans requiring mental health services will be connected to a counselor.
 95% Graduation Rate for women veterans enrolled into one of our programs which all provide resources to economic self-sufficiency.
 95% Homelessness or at Risk of homelessness will obtain stable housing
 75% of those seeking employment will find employment while a resident in shelter.
 85% completing HerBIZ will be ready to launch their own business

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 the contract?



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Organization will not be allowed to apply for funding for next funding year.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number