



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1518

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

4. Project/Program Description

The factors associated to veteran suicide are complex. Operation Warrior Resolution addresses the risk factors such as providing high quality mental health care, teaching them to develop coping skills to build resilience against life's stressors, and creating healthy peer connections for supportive community. However, financial insecurity is another risk factor of veteran suicide that we'd like to address. Through this project we will provide opportunities for veterans and their family members to take part in job training such as lineman apprenticeship, diesel mechanics, commercial driving, and design manufacturing. This will provide them with a high paying job in around six weeks, creating economic security, a purpose again after the military, and further decreasing their risk of suicide.

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	875,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	875,000

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)	875,000	43%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	35,000	2%
Other	1,111,115	55%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,021,115	100%

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, marketing, printing, (15,000), data management (12,000) and other administrative costs. 27,000	27,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Outreach and community engagement	35,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Operation Manager (33,000), Grant Compliance and Accounting (20,000)	53,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Workforce Development Training (\$700,000), Program Development and Case Management (\$60,000)	760,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		875,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Provide veterans and their families with economic security, decreasing financial stress leading to veteran suicide, and benefiting Florida's economy. We have the 2nd highest number of veterans and transitioning into a career after the military is challenging. Giving them training opportunities as trade workers allows them to get into high paying careers in very little time. This relieves financial burdens causing emotional distress, creates purpose again, and improves the state economy.

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

Training and certification in trade work such as lineman apprenticeship, commercial drivers, diesel mechanics.

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

Direct services include outreach, evaluations, case management, training and certification in trade work. This is for veterans and family members who are low-income and higher education is not a good fit for them. Outside of this project, Operation Warrior Resolution also can provide mental health counseling if it's preventing them from entering the workforce training.

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

The target population is disabled military veterans, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, and economically disadvantaged persons. This project will serve up to 150 veterans and their family members.

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

The benefits of this project will protect the general public from harm, increase economic activity, create job opportunities and economic self-sufficiency. By having more essential workers such as truck drivers and lineman, it increases economic activity, improves business opportunities, and create a better quality of life for themselves and for residents throughout the State of Florida. This will be measured through customer feedback, surveys, sales, and labor market data and through the DEO.

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?

Return of a pro-rata portion of the funds if the program fails to meet the established deliverables and performance measures, such as the training of a sufficient number of drivers, serves as a penalty for non-compliance and ensures the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

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)



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- 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