



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1954

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Five STAR Veterans Center helps homeless or displaced veterans who are suffering with Post Traumatic Stress or other behavioral health issues. The goal is to achieve greater self-determination, independent living, increased financial stability, and improved job skills through an individual Passport to Independence long-term goal achievement plan to help with re-integration to civilian life.

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	374,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	374,000

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)	374,000	57%
Matching Funds		
Federal	55,000	8%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	60,000	9%
Other	175,000	26%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	664,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	374,000	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.**

Private Fundraising efforts with Local and Federal government grants.

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.



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\$262,500, Which was put towards programmatic expenses such as food and housing for veterans, in addition to covering salaries of center employees as required per CARES Funding.

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	Equipment and Program materials supplies to support the passport to Independence program. Assessment materials, tracking support projections and printing materials/equipment.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Funding to support one (1) mental health counselor, who leads the centers efforts and guides the staff to meet the homeless veterans needs. One (1) FTE Residential Case Manager performing the duties as outlined in the approved job description.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program Residential Living Expenses (40) residents - Includes the cost of three meals per day, housing, and program activities. Behavioral Health Assessment Instruments to capture veterans baseline symptoms and monitor progress in addressing the symptoms.	224,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		374,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Five Star Veteran Center is Northeast Florida's only veteran housing community for homeless or displaced veterans, and the first facility in Florida that focuses solely on these men and women.

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

Provide evidence-based treatment methods focused on helping to develop solid strategies to promote healthy decision-making and to heal emotional/psychological distress of participants. Administer random urine drug and alcohol screens to residents.

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

Persons with poor mental and/or physical health, jobless and economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, drug users and/or offenders, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and veterans.

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

Improve physical and mental health, enhance economic self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism and substance abuse, and divert from the criminal and juvenile justice system.

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?

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

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



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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