



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2687

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Appropriation of these funds allows the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to create a grant program for 5 counties or entities in five separate counties for the creation and operation of a mobile unit of Veterans' Service vans to conduct outreach and serve Veterans' in rural areas and those with limited accessibility to care. Each grant is for the purchase of a new or good condition, used van; retrofit and overhaul to have dedicated, purpose-designed sections for medical check-ups and paperwork assistance respectively, and purchase of various computer and medical equipment needed to outfit the vehicle.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**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)	1,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of a new or good condition, used vans; retrofit and overhaul to have dedicated, purpose-designed sections for medical check-ups and paperwork assistance respectively.	975,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment used in every day operation of these units is included but not limited to office supplies, medical supplies, technology and veteran service office supplies.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Many veterans live in rural communities or suffer from health conditions that limit mobility and are isolated from veteran services. Local organizations and agencies have expressed the need for a means to more effectively bring veteran's services to veterans where they live. Additionally, many members of the community, including veterans, have expressed the increased ability this would bring to serving our veterans effectively. This also includes increased outreach to underserved veterans with limited accessibility and more.

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

FDVA will award up to 5 grants, each not to exceed \$200,000 to five separate localities across the state. The grants will go to either the local government in a county or a private not for profit entity operating in a county. The goal is to bring VA services, primarily enrollment paperwork assistance and able to provide wellness checks and basic healthcare screening, to veterans where they are, which is especially important for serving those who are homeless, or lack reliable transportation due to low income level, medical issues, or lack of awareness of services provided by the FDVA.

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

Services provided are including but not limited to benefits assistance, enrollment, healthcare assistance, including wellness checks and basic health screening and addressing needs subject to each veteran.

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

Each mobile unit could serve over 500 Veterans' per year, being the target population. The focus would be rural, elderly and disabled veterans.

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

More veterans who may be unaware of the benefits that they have earned will be served. Potential reeducation of homelessness in our veteran population due to receiving assistance, benefit enrollment, and other things such as notice of job opportunities at the mobile units. Veterans' claims information in the State of Florida are gathered by the VA.

**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 funds to agency/state.

**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



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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**