



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1947

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 current footprint of Five Star is too small to serve the growing need of veterans in our State. Funding will go towards Renovations and expansion of the center to serve more at risk veterans.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Late Summer 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8-10 months

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.

Non-profit 501c3

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Capital expenses to renovate and add additional space to house residential participants as well as space to grow programming opportunities to serve at-risk veterans.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

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?



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Five STAR Veterans Center is Northeast Florida's only Veterans Housing Community for homeless or displaced veterans, and the first facility in Florida that focuses solely on these men and women. Five Star Veterans Center provides shelter and programming to re-integrate veterans into civilian life. This expansion project will allow for more at risk veterans to be served.

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 screens to residents.
- On-site Job Assistance: Access to computer lab, Resume interview support.
- On-site Behavioral Health Services.
- Transportation Support.
- Housing/Meal Support.

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

Veterans with poor mental and physical health, Jobless veterans, Economically disadvantaged Veterans, Formerly incarcerated veterans and drug offenders. The program is expected to serve 800 individuals.

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

Improve mental and physical health, enhance self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism and substance abuse, and divert individuals 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
- Other (please specify)



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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