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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Northwest Florida State College - Veterans Success Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/06/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Northwest Florida State College - Veterans Success Center

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
2,000,000		2,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	201,604	9.2%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	201,604	9.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,201,604

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The Veterans Success Center will provide high-quality support services to military veterans, service members, dependents and stakeholders. It will assist Northwest Florida State College in furthering its commitment to meet the unique needs of our military service members and their families.

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

Assist service members with their transition to a collegiate experience with reserved veteran/military area; help veterans achieve academic success with a dedicated navigator/advisor and career placement specialist; expand military specific recourses to assist with transcript evaluation, VA certifications & Tuition assistance processing; provide training opportunities for job placement and personal development.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Positions would include a lead military specialist, navigators/advisors, dedicated military transcript specialist, disability support specialist to serve unique needs of military personnel.	500,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, equipment, furniture/fixtures to accommodate for special needs of veteran population.	1,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Build-out of tranquility lounge, technology center, and private study area for Veterans Success Center.	500,000
TOTAL		2,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

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

Project will serve more than 2,500 military veteran students.

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

Outcomes will include an increased number of veteran, active duty, and military dependents successfully completing a certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree. This will be measured by a quantitative count of students successfully retained as well as a count of this population who completed their credential. Further, it will improve the economic activity in the service area through the attainment of a job with a sustainable family wage, which will be measured by the number of Veterans placed into the workforce.

g. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Action plan to meet deliverables.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Entity and owner of the facility are the same (l/e/ Northwest Florida State College)

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Okaloosa
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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