



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1102

1. Title of Project: Florida Veterans Legal Helpline

2. Senate Sponsor: Tom Lee

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Using one helpline, eligible veterans statewide can immediately get an appointment to speak with an experienced attorney regarding civil legal matters.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Veterans Affairs

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	86.06%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	65,000	11.19%
Other	16,000	2.75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	581,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	6 full-time attorneys and one administrative support	445,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, training and indirect costs	55,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Florida Veterans Legal Helpline (VLH) attorneys will provide direct advice and assistance to low-income veterans over the phone, schedule appointments for extended services with full-time attorneys who focus solely on veterans, and coordinate referrals to partners throughout the State of Florida. This VLH will provide access to services for a population that would not otherwise have access to legal advice and representation.

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

Legal advice, representation, and referral to other services.

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

Legal advice, representation and referral to other services.

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

Low- income veterans and their family members throughout the State of Florida.

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

Access to legal advice and assistance at no cost to eligible veterans. Case management software will track the number of clients served, level of service, outcomes and more.

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 in the contract?

The agency's standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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b. Organization: Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.
- b. **County:** Hillsborough
- 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. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**