



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1756

1. **Title of Project:** VHVUSA INC. Training Veterans for success

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Reach out, recruit and train Veterans to be gainfully employed in the construction, utility industry. Based on recent statistics, there are in excess of 6,000 Veterans in the 6 counties being served who are not in the workforce but are seeking a career path. Currently, there is a critical shortage of trained people in a number of construction trades that this program will help to fill through academic and hands on training through Santa Fe College and Veterans Helping Veterans USA, Inc

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	145,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	145,000

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)	145,000	80.56%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	15,000	8.33%
Other	20,000	11.11%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	180,000	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	Develop, plan, train and coordinate services, applicants and	25,000



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Benefits	partners and acts as chief administrative officer for the program.	
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Servicing clients, attending workshops, training sessions.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Two field recruiters/ counselors and mentors working directly with clients in the program.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation reimbursement for needy students to attend classes in Santa Fe College, Gainesville FL. Scholarship dollars for needy students unable to pay tuition at Santa Fe College. Insurance related cost.	60,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		145,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Recruit and train veterans, additionally we will counsel and provide job opening information, job retention skills and resume preparation. So the veteran upon completion of the program will be employed in the construction and utility industries thereby maintaining the veteran's full employment and independence and providing construction and utility industries with skilled employees.

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

They will receive a certificate of completion in their chosen field and placement into a job or internship program.

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

Provides well trained employees for the construction and utility trades. Students will be placed in a good paying job in the construction, utility industry. This will benefit the local and state economy.

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

The veterans of the 6 counties will receive classroom as well as specific and designed training provided by Santa Fe College and Veterans Helping Veterans USA, Inc. with an emphasis on the unique status and special requirements that Veterans have and need. Fifty individuals will be served.

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

This will be measured by the number of students obtaining gainful employment throughout the 6 county area and the number of students recruited and who successfully complete course of training. Students will gain



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specific knowledge and opportunities for employment which will be measured and followed through by counselors.

- 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?**

Withholding of future funds.

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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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Veterans Helping Veterans USA Inc.
b. **County:** Marion
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**

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