



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2377

1. Title of Project: Operation V.O.I.C.E

2. Senate Sponsor: Debbie Mayfield

3. Date of Submission: 03/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The museum is the natural repository for artifacts, documents and the history of the U.S. Navy personnel who served as the defenders of the merchant marines as they transported the materials necessary to carry on the effort during WWII. This Florida 501(c)3 is the progeny of a 40 year effort previously located in North Carolina and now transitioned to Indian River County.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	160,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	22,000
Total State Funds Requested	182,000

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)	182,000	54.82%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	150,000	45.18%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	332,000	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	Day-to-day operational supervision of museum/office complex; Board of Directors administrator and ex-officio member.	12,000



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Other Salary and Benefits	Required Payments (ex. SSI)	2,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(1) Travel to meetings, seminars, workshops, and membership dues in related organizations (\$2000) (2) office supplies, equipment (\$3000).	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Specialty museum van for transport of program/artifacts to event sites and related expenses (ex. insurance, maintenance) museum supplies, computers, and develop, print, and mail 3,000 copies of "Pointer" twice a year.	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Site planner \$5,000; road/parking lot engineer \$15,000; Expansion Architect \$15,000; Museum Curator \$21,000.	56,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Museum Set-up \$10,000; Rent 6 months \$12,000.	22,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		182,000

11. Program Performance:

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

(1) Provide a central point for the national acquisition, presentation, and retention of the history of the effort during WWII as seen through the isolation and dissemination of information concerning the most unknown element of the American successes in combating enemy forces. (2) A local site for a veterans service office (VSO).

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

(1) The museum will be open to visitors four days a week; 5 hrs a day; 11 months per year; (2) The publication of "Pointer" magazine twice a year to 3,000 members; (3) Mobile museum for off-site programs in schools and other venues; and (4) VSO Office.

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

The VSO will be available to all veterans one day a week to provide information, guidance, and advocacy.

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

(1) Population of immediate counties and all others responding to a massive outreach program. Expected visitors: 5,000 annually. (2) VSO office. Expected contacts: 500 individuals annually.

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



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(1) More knowledgeable citizens concerning merchant marines and the navy armed guard: Outcome methodology: count of museum visitors; (2) VSO contacts/advocacy. Outcome methodology: count of assists; (3) Pointer Publications. Outcome methodology: subscription data.

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?

(1) Quarterly reporting, (2) Penalties: no further draw of funds and the return of unencumbered funds, and Funding probation: 3 years.

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.

This facility is owned and operated by Operation Hope, a 501(c)3 Florida corporation. There is no direct / indirect relationship between Hope and V.O.I.C.E other than rent paid to Hope. State and bylaw conflict of interest forms filed yearly.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Us Navy Armed Guard / Merchant Marine National Museum
- b. **County:** Indian River
- 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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