



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2647

1. **Title of Project:** FSU Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Nearly two dozen agencies, veterans' organizations, attorney associations and service providers have collaborated with FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW to coordinate legal and related services to Veterans and their families in the Capital area. Hundreds of Veterans have sought our help and more than 200 attorneys have given their pro bono assistance through Veteran Stand Downs (2013-2018) and weekly walk-in legal clinics at the local American Legion Post 1~ in Tallahassee, and since spring semester 2018, weekly clinics staffed mostly by law students at the Tallahassee VA Clinic' itself. Additionally, we have periodic Drivers License workshops and advocacy to rehabilitate Veterans' suspended drivers licenses, often with multi-county and multi-state legal problem solving, community service, advocacy, and finally reinstatement and new job opportunities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Board of Governors

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	38.89%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	50,000	5.56%
Local	50,000	5.56%
Other	450,000	50.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	900,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		400,000	143	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 150000

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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	FSLJ LEGAL CLINIC DIRECTOR	110,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	SUPPLIES, VETERANS DRIVERS LICENSES REHABILITATION, LITIGATION, TRAVEL	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	REFERRAL ATTY(S), PARALEGALS, CASE MGT/ COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITATORS	220,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The ongoing clinics will provide legal assistance "to hundreds of area Veterans and their families, as a collaborative model project for communities statewide; thousands of veterans are at risk of being homeless, many become homeless or partially disabled, and many more economically vulnerable. All they need are competent and caring researchers, paralegals, problem solvers and sometimes actual legal representation and advocacy.

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

The College of Law provides specific and invaluable instruction to law students on Veterans' legal issues (three semesters per year), volunteer attorneys and others in the multidisciplinary clinic teams meet with Veterans, and refer or represent individuals and families in a wide variety of legal entanglements, both local and in other jurisdictions around the state and country.

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

Research, multi-disciplinary intake sessions, referrals for jobs or housing or other services as needed, and referrals to other attorneys or in appropriate cases direct representation. Paralegals and students help track down missing documents, identify possible benefits, and the entire TVLC team works to remove



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hundreds of obstacles to Veterans hoping to reinstate their drivers licenses, improve job and housing opportunities, etc.

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

More than 200 individuals will be served among the region's veterans, especially targeting homelessness, economic vulnerabilities, disabilities, and various risks of becoming homeless.

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

Our collaborative structure ensures interagency communication and reviews of individual families' success, and" individuals' recovery, employability, etc. Stats are compiled by ongoing, confidential database entries after each legal intake and supplemental encounters with agencies, as well as with returning veterans.

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?

pro rata reduction in funding, maybe requiring adjustment to the 4th quarter appropriation,

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:** Florida State University College of Law
- b. **County:** Leon
- 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
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**