



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1013

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Stetson's in-house probono legal clinic for veterans serves those who have served us as they navigate the disability benefits application and appeals process of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="425,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>425,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="425000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="49.7"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="430,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="50.3"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>855,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="250,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="66"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Medical consultations/opinions	50,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Supervising Attorney	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, software, advocacy and travel	80,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Case Management, Paralegals, Staff Attorneys	175,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>425,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

Stetson's Veterans Advocacy Clinic will provide pro bono legal services to veterans seeking health care, compensation for service-related injuries, and discharge upgrades.

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

Students and supervising attorneys will assist veterans with their U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits claims. Students will also help veterans having less than fully honorable military discharges to upgrade their discharge status. Unfavorable discharge statuses are often due to misconduct resulting from post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma, or traumatic brain injury that occurred during military service.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Outreach to veterans and veteran groups, intake interviews, conducting case analysis, performing fact investigations, preparing claims, and drafting briefs.

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

Veterans of our US Armed Forces. 201-400 veterans with meritorious VA claims.

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

Probono legal assistance to veteran clients in the Tampa Bay region and across the state of Florida. Assistance includes representation to secure VA benefits, discharge upgrades, and medical exams needed to file and appeal VA claims.

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?

Outcomes of assistance and representation will be tracked and reported via case management and include veterans seeking VA benefits, discharge upgrades, and medical exams to file and appeal VA benefit claims that have been denied.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

n/a

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
  - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.