



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1280

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Inspiring excellence in youth education and excellence. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Florida; sponsors an annual Youth Scholarship Program, through the VOD Voice of Democracy (high school), and Patriot Pen (middle school); these youth scholarship programs provide Middle and High School students the opportunity to submit annual patriotic written and audio submission and receive funds for college and trade schools. The VFW Teacher of the Year Award, along with the VOD and Patriot Pen; compete for VFW National Competition; where the top prize is a \$30,000 scholarship. In 2016, Grayson Carlson from Florida won the VFW National VOD competition. The program goals are to provide inspiration to attend and succeed at college; while providing understanding of the service, sacrifice, and opportunity that exists in Florida and America.

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: 80%;" type="text" value="100,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>100,000</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: 80%;" type="text" value="100000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>100,000</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: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	All of the funds received will be spent on Youth Scholarships and Teacher Awards in the form of monetary awards, the Annual Awards Dinner at the 19 VFW District Awards.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<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>100,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

Provide Scholarship funds to the students of Florida; while encouraging students to recognize Americanism, Patriotism in Florida and America. To encourage excellence in areas of public service and sacrifice; while recognizing the U.S. Military, Active, Guard, and Reserve contribution to our nations freedom in War and Peace.

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

Every year since 1947, every VFW post contacts high schools and middle schools, to submit written or audio speeches; in response to the chosen topic by the VFW National Commander in Chief.

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

100% of the funds provided will benefit; Florida students and teachers who participate in the VFW Youth Scholarship and Teacher Award and recognition programs.

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

Thousands of Florida students and hundreds of Florida teachers. The winners of the respective VFW Posts, VFW Districts will be recognized at the VFW Annual Awards Dinner in the Mid Winter Conference. At this event, cash (check) prizes will be handed out. The Florida winners compete at National and the Florida VOD and one parent or guardian, will receive one week in Washington, DC, along with time on Capitol Hill.

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

The requested funds will be to encourage students to attend Florida Universities and Colleges. The 100,000 will be used to provide scholarship funds to students, at the Department of Florida annual awards. Encouraging student excellence and instilling a sense of gratitude for the opportunities provided in Florida and America.

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?

Loss of Funding



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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.