



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1656

1. **Project Title** Northeast Florida Fire Watch

2. **Senate Sponsor** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Request** 12/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Fire Watch is a coordinated effort between the City of Jacksonville and the counties of Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. John's to end veteran suicide in our region. When The Fire Watch programming begins in early 2020, there will be a website and phone app through which veterans can connect with the system and volunteers can sign up. The number of volunteer activities are virtually endless and volunteerism will be at the heart of The Fire Watch. The Fire Watch will coordinate an effort to organize existing resources to combat the veteran suicide epidemic locally.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	500,000	100 %

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		

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The Fire Watch will coordinate an effort to organize existing resources to combat the veteran suicide epidemic locally. In addition, The Fire Watch will initiate a series of new programs directed at keeping local veterans supported and far away from even contemplating suicide; in particular, The Fire Watch will create a network of 10,000 local veterans and allies all working together to strengthen our one-on-one support and interpersonal connections.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The Fire Watch is Northeast Florida's fight to end veteran suicide. We are uniting our War Fighters and allies to swiftly activate local assets, stand watch, and build a life-saving network. To date, no city, county, or state has ever reduced its veteran suicide rate, and this effort will be the first of its kind in the country.

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

Suicide hotlines provide an invaluable service; however, nothing can replace the benefit of one person trusting another based upon an established relationship. Moreover, The Fire Watch will strive to ensure that a veteran never falls into crisis in the first place.

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

The Fire Watch, above all else, seeks to connect veterans with each other so that when one is in crisis, he or she will have a support system to pull them back from the brink.

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

Veterans. There are approximately 125,000 veterans in Northeast Florida that could potentially be served.

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

Reduce the number of veterans suicides locally.

- 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?

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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.**

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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.