



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2128

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Building Homes for Heroes is a nonprofit organization that builds and modifies homes for injured veterans, their family members, and Gold Star families. We will be rebuilding the lives of many Florida veterans who have honorably served and returned home tragically injured. Many of our home recipients are paralyzed, missing limbs, blind, and/or struggle with TBI and PTSD. We will be providing these families with a place of security while, at the same time, hiring local Florida contractors and providing an economic boost to communities all across Florida. Thanks to the comfort and security of receiving a mortgage-free home, we're witnessing our veterans and their families pursue their dreams and become successful in business, academics, and athletics. Receiving a home provides a basis for recovery, a sense of comfort and warmth, and has further provided them the opportunity to live the life they always dreamed of.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	1,000,000	2279A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

**11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funding Building Homes for Heroes receives will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, and enhance homes to and for Florida veterans.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

All funding for Building Homes for Heroes will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, enhance, and beautify homes to and for Florida veterans, their family members and Gold Star families, to provide them with a place of security and comfort, while at the same time, hiring hundreds of Florida contractors providing an economic boost to communities all across Florida.

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

Building Homes for Heroes plans to help boost Florida's economy and infrastructure by building and modifying a minimum of 20 homes. It will build homes from the ground up, modify homes, and renovate foreclosed homes. All ground-up homes will be made to meet hurricane-related regulations. Building Homes for Heroes will turn the appropriated \$1 million into a minimum \$4.5 million investment directly to veterans, Florida contractors, vendors, communities, and state. Together, they will be building homes, rebuilding lives, hiring hundreds of licensed Florida contractors, beautifying communities, and inspiring residents around veterans all across Florida.

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

All funding for Building Homes for Heroes will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, enhance, and beautify homes to and for Florida veterans, their family members, and Gold Star families. This, in turn, will have an economic impact that will benefit communities and contractors all across Florida.

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



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Building Homes for Heroes strives to help veterans who served their country with honor, who returned from their deployment with physical and/or psychological injuries, including PTSD and TBI, who now face an uncertain future. They are gifted with homes that adapt to their injuries, improving their quality of life and happiness. Home recipients say that receiving a home saved their lives. Spouses and children of veterans who face similar problems are helped as they pursue a normal and productive life. Through a mortgage-free home gift and continuous care from within the program, they will receive the foundation and support system to live a hopeful life and become productive members of the community. Hundreds of contractors will be hired to perform the construction on these homes, and hundreds of residents, firefighters, and police officers will join in celebrating these patriotic home gifting. Hundreds of individuals are expected to be served.

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

The gifting, modification, and enhancement of a minimum of 20 homes for injured veterans and their families, while boosting Florida's economy by hiring hundreds of licensed Florida contractors and rejuvenating local communities. The methodology to determine this is: the number of injured veterans and their families who receive homes; the number of homes completed; the number of contractors hired; the total value returned to veterans, contractors, and communities combined (expected to exceed \$4.5 million); and the community spirit that is lifted within neighborhoods all across the State of Florida.

**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 the contract?**

Recommend the same penalty from previous years' grant requests: A financial consequence of \$40,000 per project home not fully completed up to the full amount payable under this deliverable.

**13. 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.**

100 percent of all appropriation dollars will go directly to the cost of construction, closing cost, utilities and enhancements. Homeowners own the homes that are repaired, modified, or constructed.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number