



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1691

1. Project Title VFW Youth Civics Education Scholarship and Civics Educator of the Year Program

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 10/14/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Promoting excellence in youth civics education: Part One - the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Florida sponsors annual "VFW Youth Civics Education Scholarships", 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 essays for which scholarships are awarded at the local post, district and state levels. Part Two - the "VFW Civics Education Teacher of the Year" award recognizes excellence in civics educators as recommended by their local schools and recognized by the local VFW post, district and state levels.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	50,000	110	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 100,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Increased membership dues.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1691

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	All of the funds 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		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

To provide scholarship funds to students and financial awards to Civics Education teachers of Florida that encourage Americanism and Patriotism in Florida and America. To encourage excellence in areas of public service and sacrifice recognizing the U.S. Military, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve contributions 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 around the state and nation contact their local high schools and middle schools to introduce this scholarship opportunity and encourage students to participate by submitting written or audio speeches, the theme of which is annually determined by the VFW's National Commander in Chief. Scholarships and awards are given at the local post (155), the district (19) and the VFW Department of Florida.

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

As with all other VFW Department of Florida programs, 100% of the "VFW Educational Youth Scholarship & Teacher's Recognition Program" funds flow directly to the benefit of the Florida students and teachers who participate.

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

All students in grades 6-12 as well as Civics Education teachers in grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 in every one of Florida's 67 counties. The 19 student scholarship finalists are selected from thousands of entrants. The Civics Educator is selected from hundreds of Florida teachers participating.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1691

To increase the awareness and understanding of American civics and individual responsibilities as citizens. To increase the awareness and importance of service to Florida and our country. To increase the awareness of the role played by the United States military. To increase the number of both the student and teacher participation.

This will be measured by the level of participation by local VFW posts, the number of participating students and teachers and the overall quality of the essays as determined by local post, district and state committees.

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?

VFW posts are annually evaluated on their performance in meeting several published requirements as set down by their Congressional Charter and Dept. of Florida programs.

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.

N/A



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1691

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) Title 36 Veterans Services Organizations

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