



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1466

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pressure on state funding for Veterans Support will continue to increase. This is based on the expectation of the veteran population increase in the state of Florida and the diversity of the vet population. With the increase in veteran population, as more veterans and their families choose Florida as their future home, a strong support mechanism will ensure the strength of the possibilities for veterans' families. The Florida Veteran's Foundation provides direct support to veterans and their families, which creates an important step for short term support through early Intervention preventing homelessness and meeting critical needs to keep the Veterans and their communities afloat.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	360,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	360,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	360,000	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 2023-2024	360,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	250,000	567A	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.

In addition to state funds, the Florida Veterans Foundation is raising funds through private donations.

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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Retain a military veteran program support manager to assist and verify individual needs of veterans in crisis. Hire a part time intern to assist caseworker. All work will be conducted out of Capitol Office and consist primarily of phone work and written correspondence. No benefits.	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$300,000 of this funding will be expended in emergency payments for direct services to veterans who are in danger of eviction or loss of utilities, unable to afford necessary healthcare, are homeless, or need necessary services to continue working. Financial funding is intended to allow the veteran and their family to cover the cause of their crisis and allow them to move back on the road to stability.	300,000
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)		360,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Emergency funds for direct services to veterans who are in danger of eviction, or loss of utilities, unable to afford necessary medical expenses, are homeless, or need necessary services to continue working. Examples of grants are to cover unpaid rent or utilities, uncovered necessary medical expenses, homeless veteran services, emergency transportation costs.

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

Serving Veterans in financial need during personal crisis. The Administrative Officer, Program Support Worker, and intern will work with Project Vet Relief and other organizations to vet the requested needs of veteran callers. \$300,000 of this funding will be expended in emergency payments for direct services to veterans who are in danger of eviction or loss of utilities, unable to afford necessary healthcare, are homeless, or need necessary services to continue working. Financial funding is intended to allow the veteran and their family to cover the cause of their crisis and allow them to move back on the road to stability.

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

Serving Veterans in financial need during personal crisis. Examples of grants are to cover unpaid rent or utilities, uncovered necessary medical expenses, homeless veteran services, emergency transportation costs. Funds will be provided either directly from the Florida Veterans Foundation or partner veterans' organizations working with us.

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

Florida Veterans and their families. Florida veterans who are in financial crisis. Florida has over 1.5 million veterans and represents the third-largest population of veterans in the nation. This correlates to 12% of Florida's population 18 years old and over, according to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs Support is available for active-duty military and honorably discharged veterans (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reservists) and their immediate family members (spouse or child) residing in Florida. All requestors are vetted for their military service and that the financial assistance is for a legitimate claim. For instance, we would directly contact a landlord over a case where the veteran caller states he or she is facing eviction. The project will serve approximately 300 veterans and their families.

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

Maintain productivity, normalcy, and a safe environment for Florida Veterans. The outcome is to provide emergency assistance to veterans in a time of crisis and work with them to secure benefits and return to stable life. We also work to provide them a support system of other veterans and resources to assist them with recurrence and for systemic problems outside this project.

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?

As the Direct Service Organization, we are under the direct auspices of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, with quarterly reporting of our activities. The Foundation is also routinely audited by the Inspector General and has received positive audits.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number