



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1565

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed programs in this request have been instrumental in reducing veteran homelessness in Brevard by over 90% over the last 15 years (1800 in 2008, less than 200 in 2023). In 2008, street outreach was the primary activity the organization used to engage with unsheltered veterans, for the purpose of providing basic needs and connecting to housing. Today that is still a primary activity, but as the nature of the problem set in our community has changed, so have the programs. Today, the programs provide emergency transitional/permanent supportive housing to homeless veterans and their families, street outreach to locate and assist unsheltered veterans and their families to get them off the streets, and prevention services to veterans and their families who are imminently at risk of losing their homes by securing funding needed to stop evictions and providing case management to ensure stability.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	70%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	100,000	350	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.

Organization receives donations/grants from individuals and businesses, United Way funding, and indirect funding from Combined Federal Campaign.



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

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

Organization qualified for and received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Round 1 funding of \$28,192 for employee salaries for the period May-Oct 2020. Additionally, the organization received PPP Round 2 funding of \$28,890 for the period Feb-Aug 2021.

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	Programs Director (responsible for both Outreach and Housing Program): \$43,218, 90%/10% Outreach/Housing. Outreach Program Coordinator (HMIS data entry and screening prevention clients): \$30,891, 100% in outreach. Outreach Program Coordinators (Prevention Case Management/Street Outreach Assistants) \$35,000. Housing Manager (manages client cases and properties): \$40,891.	150,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		150,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The ultimate goals of the program are to prevent homelessness of at-risk veterans and their families currently in their own housing, and getting unsheltered homeless veterans off of the streets and into housing, on a path to self-sufficiency. Getting homeless individuals off of the streets and preventing homelessness is not just a nice thing to do -- it is an investment in the health of a community and ultimately reduces government budget burdens. Homelessness is not free. The State of Florida estimates the annual cost a homeless individual has on government budgets is \$31,065. This program in FY 2022 prevented 143 clients from becoming homeless with another 20 clients housed in the supportive housing program. On an annualized basis, this equates to a potential cost reduction of \$5 million to the community, by a program that costs \$500,000 to run.

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

Executing street level outreach to locate and assist unsheltered homeless veterans with basic needs and getting them into supportive housing programs, locating and assisting veterans facing imminent loss of housing obtain the financial assistance needed to prevent homelessness, and operation of a supportive housing program for homeless veterans centered on returning them to self-sufficiency.

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

Providing case management to homeless and at-risk veteran families to connect them to housing if unsheltered; to include securing aid needed for initial deposits (directly by this program and/or partner agency funding clients qualify for). Providing case management for imminently at-risk of homelessness veterans and their families; identifying factors that led to their situation, working with landlords to pause evictions, and ultimately securing financial aid (directly by this program and/or partner agency funding clients qualify for) to eliminate past due balances. Providing housing and case management to homeless veterans and their families in our supportive housing program. Providing basic needs such as food, hygiene, and clothing to homeless and low income veteran families.

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

The target population served by this project are Homeless, At-Risk, and Low Income Veterans and their Families living in Brevard County. It is anticipated that 350 clients will be assisted over the project period.

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

The immediate benefits of the program are a continued reduction of veteran homelessness by housing those that are unsheltered and preventing homelessness of those that are sheltered; ultimately leading to benefits outlined in 14a. Strategic level results are ultimately monitored through biannual Point in Time Counts conducted by the Brevard Homeless Coalition; which provides a snapshot of the homeless population of the county on a single day, broken down by demographics, including veteran status. Additionally, all clients assisted by the program are recorded in the county-wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is used by participating agencies, including this agency, to see what clients have been provided by other agencies and for statistical reporting to state/federal agencies. HMIS data is used internally as a case management system to determine follow-up schedules, record case notes and services provided, and statistical data for reporting purposes.

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?

During our 2022-23 grant cycle, among several other performance measures, the agency had a monthly case management hour requirement. If the agency failed to meet the minimum target, the amount submitted for reimbursement was deducted at a rate proportionate to the percentage of the missed target amount. The agency believes this penalty, and/or establishing a minimum number of clients receiving assistance in a given month, should apply to this request as well.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name



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b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number