



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2299

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Founded in 2012, Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc. is focused on ensuring women who served on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserves and their children, transition into the civilian community with the tools and resources they need to become self-sufficient. "Women Veterans Ignited" encompasses all 6 programs administered by the organization which includes, emergency sheltering, suicide prevention retreats, supportive services and personal and professional development.

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	568,745
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	568,745

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)	568,745	87%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,500	1%
Other	75,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	651,245	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	497,005	1239	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

2020 - \$30,000 for Emergency Assistance to women veterans and their children
2020 - \$88,261 for technology transition to offer programs virtually, wages, and rent.
None received in 2021 or 2022.

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	CEO is responsible for overall function of the organization to include attending meetings for programs and wellbeing of women veterans, facilitate workshops, create annual budget, supervise management team, ensure organization is aligned with goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan and fundraise. Salary \$85,000 FICA, FITC TAXES Workers Comp, Fringe Benefits \$5,500	90,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Office Manager will supervise staff, manage facilities, maintain accounting processes, attend meetings, prepare reports, and train office personnel. \$45,000 Admin Assistant will provide basic admin support, answer phones, schedule appointments, utilize office equipment, prepare correspondence, \$20,000 FICA, FITC TAXES, Workers Comp, Fringe Benefits \$4,750	69,750
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies \$3,000, Rent \$35,400 Technology to update website \$1,500 Communications for telephone and Internet services \$4,445 Liability Insurance \$1,500 Advertisement \$2,000	47,845
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Bookkeeping \$5,500 Pest Control \$750 Fire Box Maintenance \$2,400	8,650
Operational Costs: Other		



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Salary and Benefits	Outreach Coordinator. \$43,000 Shelter Case Manager \$35,000 HTW Program Coordinator \$43,000 Program Manager/Counselor. \$55,000 Program Assistant \$30,000 Lead Case Manager \$45,000 Alumni Manager \$40,000 Benefits \$15,500	306,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies \$2,900 Technology and Communications \$3,500 Printing. \$1,500 Liability Insurance \$2,500 Marketing \$4,000 Postage \$500	14,900
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Workshop Facilitators \$30,600	30,600
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		568,745

14. Program Performance

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

Funds will support all programs within the organization. These programs provide holistic and wrap-a-round services for women veteran and are the only of it's kind in the state of Florida. The goal is to help women veteran with personal and professional development, help stabilize at-risk or homeless women veterans and their children, and provide resources for their success. These programs have helped to combat suicide and provide options and resources to make healthy decisions for their lives.

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

HerTOTALWellness (HTW) is 6 weeks of workshops on nutrition, suicide prevention, VA claims, employment prep, self care, public speaking, group therapy, educational opportunities, financial literacy, to name a few. HerSPACE provides temporary shelter for 7 women and children up to 6 months. They are assigned case managers to assist them in setting goals and working on them. They are also required to attend HTW if staying for an extended time. HerBIZ allows women veterans to spend 6 months in workshops and hands-on assistance to help them start their own business. Operation Hand-UP provides clothing, food, transportation, counseling, and financial assistance to women veterans and their children.

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

All the services noted in section b. will be provided to citizens who has served in the military. Our services are also extended to daughter of veterans age 18-24.

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 women who have served in the military, no matter their discharge status. Also, daughters of female veterans age 18-24. We expect to service 401-800 though out the year.

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



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Improve physical health: Identify women veterans who are not registered with the VA during intake process. 95% of eligible veterans will be connected to the VA Health System.
Improve mental health: Self-identify or by recommendation that there is a need for mental health care. 95% of women veterans requiring mental health services will be connected to a counselor.
Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.) All residents will be connected to housing resources. 95% of women veterans in the shelter will leave and enter stable housing.
Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency: Enroll women veterans into one of our programs which all provide resources to economic self-sufficiency. 95% Graduation Rate
95% Homelessness or at Risk of homelessness will obtain stable housing
75% of those seeking employment will find employment while a resident
85% completing HerBIZ will be ready to launch their own business

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?

Restricted from requesting appropriated funds for following year.

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
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



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d. Phone Number