



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2624

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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	501,220
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	501,220

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)	501,220	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	501,220	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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?

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



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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	Christopher O'Brian	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	13 scheduled events - fuel, lodging, meals	5,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	IT, web page upkeep, graphic design	12,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Day labor rate - 13 scheduled events (\$200/day, 2 days, 2 assistants = 800x13)	10,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	13 scheduled events - fuel, lodging, meals x2 = 10,200 rent/utilities/insurance = 11,520 school, training, equipment, purchase of dogs, general care (21,025 x 15 = 225,375) Build a Battle Buddy school, training, equipment, purchase of dogs, general care (18,525 x 5 = 98,625) Buy a Battle Budd	351,720
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Adverstising/Marketing/Entertainment	62,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		501,220

14. Program Performance

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

At Forgotten Coast K9, we strive to reduce veteran and first responder suicides by utilizing task trained service dogs. This funding will be used to provide services, support, and training for our dogs and heroes. Once their online training is completed they come to Madison, FL where we house, feed, and equip them while providing an additional 80 hours of hands on training to supplement their previous 30 weeks of live online training.

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



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An 8 week or 30 week live online school where the handler learns care and training of the dog is accompanied by either a trained dog or a puppy (depending on the program chosen). We "finish" the team by introducing it to all the necessary equipment and then utilizing the equipment in real world environments designed to progress each handler/dog team to be comfortable in a variety of settings. This allows the team to encounter new situations with confidence.

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

We train and provide service dogs and related equipment to veterans and first responders suffering from PTS and MST who have completed one of our Programs. We also have ongoing contact with our graduating teams which allows us to help them through any issues which may arise as they learn to live with their service dog.

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

Veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and/or MST. Additionally, we can provide dogs that respond to a variety of other disabilities. 50 individuals will be served.

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

Lower stress levels, reduced symptoms of PTS/MST symptoms, reduction of alcohol and prescription drug abuse. These outcomes will be measured subjectively based on independent conversations with the individual. Reduction in depression symptoms objectively measured through effective use of the Beck Depression Inventory. The BDI is administered during the application process, at the end of the selected program, and at the one year mark of the individual graduation.

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?

In the event Forgotten Coast K9 fails to meet the outlined objectives, the financial consequences would be recovery of the monies associated with the purchase costs of each dog not delivered.

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)



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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