



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3172

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The VA provides nursing homes for veterans who are medically unable to live independently. However, a large number of veterans need but cannot afford some assistance with activities of daily living. They do not need in-house nursing home assistance. Veterans Village, a veteran focused assisted living facility (ALF), hopes to become the template for providing assistance to this needy group of veterans and spouses in an environment that enhances their enjoyment of the final years of their lives.

In addition to typical ALF services, Director of Veterans Services will assist veterans in obtaining available federal financial support, assist with moving and personal affairs and will assist them in obtaining proper medical care. Veterans Village plans to allow those who become unable to afford monthly costs to remain in the facility utilizing available net operating income. Veterans Village will not require annual federal or state support once construction is complete.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	16%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	16%
Other	10,500,000	68%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	15,500,000	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.**

The 104-bed ALF relies upon private charitable contributions and bank financing for completion.



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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.

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.

The 104-bed ALF is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that will be managed but not owned by a board of directors. The current president of the board of directors is William L Dixon, M.D., MBA. The property upon which the facility will be constructed is owned by Citrus county and leased to the facility for 99 years at one dollar rent per year.

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	Directors of Veteran's Services to identify veterans in the region who would benefit from the Veterans Village of Citrus Assisted Living Facility. Once the individuals are identified, the Director will provide services to help assist in identifying the VA benefits the individual qualifies for, the necessary healthcare for the individual, help navigate the benefit applications, provide services to help the individual sell their home and moving services for a smooth transition.	250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The 2,250,000 requested from the state will be used on construction of the 100-bed ALF	2,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be added to local and private resources to build a 104-bed assisted living facility in Citrus County dedicated to low income veterans and their spouses who cannot afford to pay the market rate for a private assisted living facility. The funds will also provide a Director of Veterans Affairs to help assist throughout the transition process with all aspects, including benefit identification and application, moving services, medical services, etc. The funds will reduce annual debt service resulting in net operating income sufficient to support both operations and the charitable component of this assisted living facility.

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

The 104-bed assisted living facility will operate as a low-cost resource for qualified veterans and spouses who need assistance with activities of daily living but who do not need full nursing home care typically offered by the VA. The funds will also provide a Director of Veterans Affairs to help assist throughout the transition process with all aspects, including benefit identification and application, moving services, medical services, etc.

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

The funds will provide a Director of Veterans Affairs to help assist throughout the transition process to the ALF with all aspects, including benefit identification and application, moving services, medical services, etc. Qualified veterans and their spouses who reside in the 104-bed ALF will receive assistance with everyday activities and individualized health care services based on the individuals needs. The ALF will provide residents a unique mix of companionship, independence, privacy, and security in a home like setting. Qualified individuals include veterans and their spouses who need ALF services but cannot afford to pay the market rate for a private facility.

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

The target population served is the large number of qualified veterans and spouses currently in need of assisted-living facilities but unable to afford them.

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

The expected benefit of this project will accrue to deserving qualified veterans and spouses who served our country and who now find themselves without the economic wherewithal to afford needed assisted living. An additional outcome will be the demonstration of a private, not-for-profit organization that is able, with minimal governmental support, to care for needy veterans and spouses who find themselves in the gap between VA outpatient medical care and VA nursing home support. This organization could become a template for economically managing and assisting these beneficiaries. Annual occupancy rates and financial reports will enable measurement of the intended outcomes.

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?

Money will be returned

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



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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