



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1052

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" is a response to the rise in suicide among women veterans and the decline in economic stability. Services provided are financial assistances, workshops, emergency shelter, counseling, food, transportation, and case management. Clients/participants are followed for up to 12 months after last service. 85% of our clients are overcoming military sexual trauma and or PTSD. Our "safe space" allows them to open up and begin to heal as they get help with basic needs and other services. In addition, we provide proactive personal and professional development programs so that women who become self-sufficient, continue to thrive.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	968,777
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	968,777

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	968,777	87%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	13%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,118,777	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	802,377	602	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Corporate, foundation and individual contribution and grants but not committed at this time.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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 management of the organization to include supervising management team, attend meetings relevant to programs and wellbeing of women veterans, facilitate workshops, create annual budget, advocating for women veterans, locally, statewide, and nationally. Salary: \$100,000, Benefits \$8,000	108,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Office manager supervise admin staff, manage HR, bookkeeping and facility functions. Prepare reports and train office personnel. Office Manager salary: \$50,000, Benefits: \$3,500. Admin Assistant/Receptionist provides basic admin support, answer phones, greet visitors, prepare correspondence. Admin Salary \$25,000 Benefits: \$1,100.	79,600
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies \$3,100; Rent \$58,800; Website maintenance \$500; Liability Insurance \$1,200; Postage \$50; Travel \$200, Advertisement \$400; Admin \$3,000. Communication & Technology: \$3,000.	70,250
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accountant - \$11,700 Audit - \$15,000 Other - \$1,000	27,700
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	COO/Program Manager is responsible for oversight of all programs, prepare reports, supervise program managers. Salary: \$65,000, Benefits \$4,500. Program & Training Manager oversee HerTOTALWellness & HerBIZ \$43,000; Case Mgr Salary \$43,000 Case Mgr Salary \$43,000; LSWC Social Worker Salary \$59,000; Community Outreach Coordinator Salary \$39,000; Overall Benefits: \$51,227.	347,727



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(Operation HandUP) Financial Assistance, emergency shelter, daycare, and food for at-risk women veterans and their children: \$150,000; Conferences & Travel: \$15,000, Supplies \$4,500; Technology & Communications \$3,500; Printing: \$3,500, Insurance; \$8,000; Marketing \$8,000, HerSPACE Emergency Facility: \$18,000; Rent for Program facility: \$30,000; HerTIME Retreats \$30,000, Program Vehicle \$40,000	310,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Facilitators	25,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		968,777

13. Program Performance

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

Funds will support all programs within the organization and the geographical expansion. 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 help 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 is a 4-week program offering workshops focused on body, mind and economic empowerment. HerSPACE provides temporary shelter and case management for 7 women and children up to 6 months. HerBIZ allows women veterans to spend 4 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. HerTIME provides a weekend retreat for women with suicidal tendencies, depression, and anxiety.

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. Each program participant will receive workshops from industry experts. In addition, participants and clients needing financial assistant will be case managed with goals to achieve. Counseling is provided as well as food and transportation. Those in our shelter are case managed, assisted with finding stable housing and employment. Resource fairs will be provided for rural areas with the collaboration of other community partners and the VA.

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 and their children. We also accept daughters of veterans age 18-24 into our programs. With this funding, we expect to serve 400-800 clients/participants during this funding period.

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

95% of women veterans requiring mental health services will be connected to a counselor.
 95% Graduation Rate for women veterans enrolled into one of our programs which all provide resources to economic self-sufficiency.
 95% Homeless clients will obtain stable housing.
 75% of those seeking employment will find employment while a resident in shelter.
 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 in the contract?

Organization will not be allowed to apply for funding for next funding year.



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14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. Recipient Contact Information



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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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.