



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1529

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

4. Project/Program Description

To continue connecting an ever-growing community of veterans and their families, through a weekend of camaraderie and deep-sea fishing. Since most Veterans claim to miss the bond of brotherhood that serving in the armed forces forges, Hookin' Veterans goal is to help them reconnect with other service members and re-establish this bond in an effort to combat the increase of veteran suicide. Our goal is too, and has been to partner with other non-profits to expand our wellness, mental health and resiliency.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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 2025-2026	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	250,000	602	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Donations

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchasing Software Needs, Office Supplies, and Paying For Travel Expenses.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Merchandise, Airfare for the Veterans, Lodging, Boat Resources, Bait Resources, Adaptive Fishing Devices for Single Arm Amputees, Rental Vehicles for Transportation, Meals for Events, Parts for Wheelchairs if they break during transportation or the event.	225,000
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)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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

A five day all expense paid fishing excursion. Our goal is to, and has been to partner with other non-profits to expand our wellness, mental health and resiliency. We offer educational opportunities for the veteran to return home with knowledge regarding mental health resources and the skills to fish fresh water or salt water.

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



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

These services are for Veterans for the time being.

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

50-75

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

Since most Veterans claim to miss the bond of brotherhood that serving in the armed forces forges, Hookin' Veterans goal is to help them reconnect with other service members and re-establish this bond in an effort to combat the increase of veteran suicide. Also teaching them adaptive sports skills to improve future opportunities of leisure or work.

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?

Not allowing for funds to be requested for future use until proof of success and growth are provided.

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



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- No
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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

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



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