



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1601

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Urgent Financial Assistance Program (UFAP) provides critical, immediate support to disabled veterans and their families facing financial hardship. This funding will enable Wounded Veterans Relief Fund (WVRF) to assist veterans with rental and mortgage payments to prevent homelessness, utility payments to maintain stable living conditions, and financial aid for essential needs, such as vehicle assistance and temporary childcare. By addressing urgent financial crises, the UFAP Program helps veterans regain stability, security, and peace of mind during challenging times.

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	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	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

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.

WVRF has primarily been privately funded by foundations and corporations, sponsorships, individual and group contributions, and event revenue. In 2024, WVRF raised \$2.7 million.



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	100% of this funding would be allocated to providing urgent financial assistance (paid directly to vendors/creditors, such as landlords and utility companies) for disabled veterans and their families experiencing financial hardship.	250,000
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?



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The funds requested for WVRF's Urgent Financial Assistance Program (UFAP) will provide immediate financial relief to disabled veterans and their families facing crisis situations, ensuring they remain housed, have access to essential utilities, and can meet critical daily needs. This funding will help prevent homelessness through rental and mortgage assistance, maintain stable living conditions by covering utility payments, and support essential needs such as transportation and emergency expenses.

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

The organization collaborates closely with VA case managers to identify and process veteran recipients. Once a request is processed, the organization is able to fulfill most requests within 48-72 hours, paying creditors, such as landlords directly, averting crisis situations such as evictions for veterans and their families.

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

The Urgent Financial Assistance (UFA) Program provides immediate, direct support to veterans and their dependents facing financial hardship. Services include rental and mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness, utility payments to ensure stable living conditions, and financial aid for essential needs. This program helps veterans regain stability and security during times of crisis.

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

The target population is Florida's 460,000 disabled veterans. 101-200 are expected to be served. These disabled veterans are considered: homeless, economically disadvantaged, elderly, poor mental health, and disabled.

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

WVRF measures the impact of its programs using Salesforce, tracking each veteran's journey from initial contact to program completion. Key metrics include financial assistance provided, services received (e.g., housing), case resolution times, and long-term stability outcomes. Salesforce reports and dashboards help assess success rates, identify trends, and optimize support.

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?

The contracting agency may impose funding reductions, withholding, or repayment for unmet deliverables, along with requiring a corrective action plan to resolve deficiencies. Additional penalties may include contract suspension or termination, increased oversight through audits, and stricter reporting requirements. Continued non-compliance could result in disqualification from future funding opportunities, ensuring accountability and the effective delivery of critical services.

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



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- 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

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 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.