



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2793

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The program aims to bridge the critical gap in services for transitioning service members as they navigate the challenging shift from military to civilian life. It will focus on translating military skills, crafting personal narratives, setting career goals, mastering interviews, and building a professional image. Participants will also receive personalized resume assistance and professional attire, ensuring they are prepared to confidently embark on their next chapter.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	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?** No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Executive Director/ Training Director, Chief Operating Officer, Trainer/Development Lead, Marketing Director, Office Manager, Executive Assistant	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training supplies, office, supplies, travel, expenses, purchased services, utilities, marketing, supplies, depreciation	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services, professional development, nonprofit partnerships, with veteran, serving organizations, consultants	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funding aims to bridge the critical gap in services for transitioning service members as they navigate the challenging shift from military to civilian life. The program focuses on translating military skills, crafting personal narratives, setting career goals, mastering interviews, and building a professional image. Participants will also receive personalized resume assistance and professional attire, ensuring they are prepared to confidently embark on their next chapter.

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



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Program participants will engage in comprehensive Life Skills and Employment Skills Training sessions. Upon completion of the training, they will participate in individualized one-on-one sessions, which include tailored resume development, personalized image consulting, and professional suiting services to ensure they are fully prepared for workforce integration.

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

The direct services will include comprehensive training on translating military skills into civilian applications, crafting a compelling personal narrative, mastering complex interview techniques, and cultivating a professional image. Additionally, program participants will benefit from personalized resume assistance and the provision of professional attire, ensuring they are fully equipped.

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

This project aims to support Veterans, transitioning military service members, and their families, with a goal of serving 300 individuals.

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

The Vets for Success program is designed to empower Veterans and transitioning military service members by equipping them with the tools and confidence needed to secure meaningful civilian employment. The anticipated outcomes include: increased employment rates, enhanced career readiness, stronger interview performance, professional presentation and long-term economic stability.

To evaluate the program's success, the following methodologies will be used: pre- and post-program surveys, employment tracking, follow-up support engagement and testimonials.

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 suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures would be loss of funding.

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#:



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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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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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.