



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3014

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

This project is the construction of a training facility and offices for our service dog program. It will include space for student housing and kennels along with our main offices and reception area. We will contract with a local therapist to be present when students are onsite as well.

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                          | 317,500          |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 2,250,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>2,567,500</b> |

**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)       | 2,567,500        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 0                | 0%          |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>2,567,500</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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.
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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**10. Status of Construction**



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a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/01/2025

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

We will continue to raise funds from private sources as well as corporate contributions as we have done for the past 4 years.

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.

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12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category  | Description   | Amount           |
|--|---|------------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |   |                  |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |   | 0                |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |   | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Project Management/Engineered Drawings                        | 130,000          |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |   |                  |
| Salary and Benefits  |   | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Educational Instructors/Dog Trainers/Kennel Technicians       | 187,500          |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                  |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | 15,000 sq ft training center and offices with student housing | 2,250,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>2,567,500</b> |

13. Program Performance

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

These funds will provide for the construction of our main training facility for service dogs. There will also be student housing, classrooms, and offices on site. The goal is to reduce veteran and first responder suicide through the use of service dogs and mental health care.

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

Classroom instruction, individual training (dogs and people), socialization, and on-site therapy sessions are just the beginning. Integration into daily life in the local stores and restaurants will also be crucial as we provide our recipients with the best real-world scenarios so that they can go back to their homes and live more comfortable and productive lives.

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



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In person training with housing provided, advanced k9 training, mental health services, scenario training to show how to integrate the dog into the student's everyday life.

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

Our target market is veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD, TBIs, and MST. We will serve 10-12 veterans per session with 4 classes per year as our goal. Our overall goal is to serve this population for many years to come.

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

We expect to reduce suicidal ideation among our students, along with reduced substance abuse.

**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?**

In the event Forgotten Coast K9 fails to meet the contractual deliverables, the financial consequences would be that overseeing agency would hold funding until compliance is achieved.

**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
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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

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