



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3503

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

4. Project/Program Description

The VetCV Mission Next Center (MNC) serves Northwest Florida, providing a hands-on extension of the VetCV Vault to connect veterans, military families, and caregivers with FDVA, VA benefits, and to other Patriot Partner vetted services for healthcare, employment, financial resources, and more. Focused on healing, growth, wellness & nutrition, parenting, and successful transitions and helping people with Life Challenges, MNC offers personalized non-clinical case management and direct navigation support. Through our “What’s Next Programs”, individuals engage with key resources, events, and Patriot Partners for career transitions, mental health support, and financial planning. By integrating AI-powered assistance and enterprise level operations and client relationship tracking platform, MNC ensures efficient service coordination and measurable impact, strengthening veteran well-being across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and to lesser extent Bay counties.

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 | 499,982 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 499,982 |

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) | 499,982 | 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 | 499,982 | 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.
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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 | Funds will cover the Executive Director's salary. | 80,000 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Professional Services: This will cover the annual CPA and Legal costs including fees. | 3,500 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Fund wills cover salaries for Manager, Ops, Events, & Volunteers and Office Admin and Social Media Coordinator. | 105,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Operating Expenses: Funds will be used for all start up, rent, utilities, insurance, office supplies, marketing, equipment, bank fees, and software subscriptions. | 191,482 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | VetCV Vault App and Patriot Partner Resource Information Management Database and Reporting hub, IT office set up and on-going maint. tech. and help desk support. | 120,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 499,982 |

13. Program Performance

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



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The VetCV Mission Next Center (MNC) will serve as a collaborative hub and resource center, educating and connecting veterans, families, and caregivers to essential services without duplicating efforts already provided by our Patriot Partners based on the intake data obtained. Funding will support referral navigation and connection, digital tools, and peer support, ensuring seamless access to employment, healthcare, financial literacy, wellness and nutrition, and mental health resources. The MNC will leverage strategic partnerships to provide AI-powered assistance, outcomes reporting and analysis, and educational tools and resources, improving economic stability, well-being, and crisis prevention.

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

The MNC will offer non-clinical case management and VetCV digital tool training to connect veterans, families, and caregivers with essential services. Activities include warm hand-offs to vetted Patriot Partners for housing, employment, healthcare, and legal aid, plus an online resource directory and webinars. Peer support will feature veteran-led groups, mentorship, and family networks. Services will include financial literacy, VA benefits navigation, job readiness, and business development guidance. Health and wellness will cover mental health navigation, telehealth, and substance abuse prevention referrals. By leveraging partnerships, the MNC ensures efficient resource access and impactful, long-term support for successful transitions and well-being.

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

The VetCV MNC will provide in-person navigation and case management, ensuring veterans, families, and caregivers receive trusted, expert guidance for employment, healthcare, benefits, and crisis support. Research shows that personalized, face-to-face assistance improves outcomes and compliance compared to self-service options. Speaking with a real person who cares builds trust, increases follow-through on referrals, and reduces barriers to accessing services. MNC experts will offer resource matching, warm hand-offs, and ongoing support, helping individuals navigate complex systems with confidence. Direct services will include financial literacy coaching, job readiness support, mental health referrals, and benefits navigation. By combining digital tools with human connection, the MNC ensures that those in need receive reliable, compassionate guidance that leads to real, lasting improvements in their lives.

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

The MNC will serve veterans, active-duty military, families, and caregivers in NW Florida primarily the 119,275 Veterans of Santa Rosa, Escambia, Okaloosa, and to a lesser degree Bay counties, focusing on those facing employment, healthcare, financial, housing, and mental health challenges. The target population includes transitioning service members, disabled veterans, those at risk of homelessness, and families needing support. Based on regional demographics, the MNC expects to serve between 2,500 and 5,000 individuals annually, providing direct guidance, case management, and access to trusted partner resources. The VetCV Vault and AI-powered assistance will expand reach far beyond in-person services, ensuring thousands more can access digital tools and referrals. By focusing on personalized navigation and strategic partnerships, the MNC will provide critical, gap-filling support to those in need, improving long-term well-being and successful reintegration into civilian life.

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

The MNC team will track military affiliated referrals, services, and outcomes improving care coordination. Partners will report status updates, enabling data-driven insights on health improvements and service effectiveness. Automated reporting ensures accountability and continuous enhancement of care. We will also assess its impact on mental health using assessments, engagement metrics, and feedback surveys, alongside tracking crisis response times. Collaboration with Patriot Partners will provide di-identifiable PII outcomes data, ensuring privacy and HIPAA compliance, to gauge the effectiveness of our support while respecting privacy. With our Partners, we'll measure educational outcomes using pre/post assessments, engagement metrics, participant feedback, success rates in career or further education, and longitudinal studies and tracking to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs for veterans and military families.

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?



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In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency may consider progressive financial penalties for missed deliverables, such as funding reductions or withheld payments until compliance is achieved within a reasonable cure period. Corrective action plans with strict deadlines can be required, with escalating consequences for continued noncompliance. The agency may also impose performance-based reimbursement models, where funding is tied to meeting key milestones. Loss of contract renewal eligibility or suspension of future funding can definitely deter poor performance. If critical failures occur, mandated third-party audits or oversight may be required. For services impacting public welfare, alternative providers may be engaged. Though our reporting and process control elements will ensure we meet or exceed expectations, these penalties ensure accountability while encouraging corrective action to meet performance expectations.

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



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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.