

27 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program is to purchase
28 foreclosed homes for injured veterans of the United States Armed
29 Forces. The program shall be administered by the Department of
30 Veterans' Affairs. The department may be assisted in the
31 processing of applications and the administration of the program
32 by the direct-support organization authorized under s. 250.115.

33 (2) FUNDING.—The program shall be implemented through
34 funding appropriated to the department for the purposes of this
35 section.

36 (3) AUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE.—The department, in coordination
37 with Building Homes for Heroes, shall purchase foreclosed homes
38 for persons eligible under this section. The program may also
39 provide assistance with repairs, renovations, or replacements to
40 such homes which are needed to address health or safety issues
41 or meet disability needs.

42 (4) ELIGIBILITY.—Persons eligible for assistance from the
43 program include injured veterans who served in Iraq or
44 Afghanistan in the Global War on Terrorism or Overseas
45 Contingency Operations and return to their home of record.

46 (5) REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE; REVIEW; AWARDS.—

47 (a) A request for assistance shall be reviewed and
48 processed at the local level by an official designated by the
49 department. During the initial review and processing of the
50 request, the department may accept assistance from the direct-
51 support organization. Final review and approval of requests for
52 assistance shall be made by the department.

53 (b) Requests for assistance shall be reviewed and
54 evaluated based on the following criteria:

55 1. The impact of the veteran's inability to assist in the
56 purchase of a home.

57 2. The economic impact of the veteran's injury.

58 3. The overall financial situation of the applicant.

59 4. The assistance authorized under the program.

60 5. Other relevant information.

61 (6) QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.—The financial committee of
62 the board of directors of the direct-support organization shall
63 review financial transactions of the program each quarter. This
64 review shall be provided to the department in order to determine
65 whether the direct-support organization is being operated in a
66 manner that is consistent with the purposes of this section, and
67 in the best interests of the department. The financial committee
68 may request the Office of Inspector General to conduct
69 additional reviews.

70 (7) RULES.—The department may adopt rules to administer
71 this section.

72 Section 2. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016, the sum of
73 \$4 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General
74 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the
75 purpose of carrying out the Florida Foreclosed Homes for the
76 Brave Program pursuant to s. 295.24, Florida Statutes.

77 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.