



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3212

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

4. Project/Program Description

Mindful Warrior 360 Veterans Services is a comprehensive project aimed to address the mental health of veterans while providing them with crucial supportive services. Through a range of initiatives, this project strives to support veterans in their journey towards holistic well-being and successful reintegration into civilian life. The primary focus of Mindful Warrior 360 is to provide veterans with access to mental health care and while reducing the number of homeless veterans and families in Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County. Mindful Warrior is a visionary initiative that unites community collaboration to further it's mission which is to end Veteran homelessness by providing rapid access to a comprehensive range of services and fostering collaborative, trauma-informed care for our participants.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,283,348
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,283,348

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,283,348	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 2024-2025	2,283,348	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director, is responsible for daily direction and implementation of Program in a manner that meets or exceeds program goals and objectives consistent with funding obligations, grant agreement, agency ethical standards and core values. e strategic planning, community-wide project management, partnership and team development, recruiting, training and staff supervision, and similar .	120,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Director (responsible for Case Management Services, Legal Services, Outreach and Housing Program). Outreach Program Coordinators (HMIS data entry and screening prevention clients). Prevention Case Management director and street outreach assistants. Housing Coordinator. Insurance and Benefits.	954,098
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies, Rent Technology to update website, Communications for telephone and Internet services ,liability Insurance Advertisement, Outreach Activities, accreditation cost, mileage, tolls for direct services, Software Licensing, Recruitment hiring. Administration operational costs to include travel for in-person or virtual training with staff, office space, equipment such as copiers/fax/scanner, utilities and gas costs.	320,920
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Employment Services, Mental Health Staff and program costs.	360,000



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies ,Rent Technology to update website, Communications for telephone and Internet services ,liability Insurance Advertisement, Outreach Activities, accreditation cost Mileage, tolls for direct services, Financial Assistance to provide veterans and Families (Ex Rental Assistance, Security Deposit, Utility Assistance, General housing supplies)	528,330
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)		2,283,348

14. Program Performance

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

To significantly reduce the Veteran homeless population in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties by permanently homing those veterans who are literally homeless and by keeping those imminently homeless veterans in their current units by stopping evictions when appropriate.

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

Case management and locating and securing permanent housing options will be the main focus. This will include providing financial assistance to the population served such as rental assistance, security deposits, and other costs associated with moving into a unit. This may include but is not limited to utility payments and deposits and providing essential furniture and household items (towels, linens, cutlery, dishes, etc.). Housing specialists will be utilized to assist with finding affordable housing and appropriate units for the population served. Legal services will be provided.

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

Case management services to homeless and at risk veteran families. The main focus will be locating and securing permanent housing options will be the main focus. This will include providing financial assistance to the population served such as rental assistance, security deposits, and other costs associated with moving into a unit. This may include but is not limited to utility payments and deposits and providing essential furniture and household items (towels, linens, cutlery, dishes, etc.). Housing specialists will be utilized to assist with finding affordable housing and appropriate units for the population served. As well provide Legal services, VA benefits, and Employment services.

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

The target population served by this project are Homeless, At-Risk, and Low Income Veterans and their Families living in Miami Dade, Broward County and Palm Beach County. It is anticipated that 1,000 clients will be assisted over the project period.

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

The expected outcome is to significantly reduce the number of homeless veterans in South Florida in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties as well as reintegrate those veterans into the community in a responsible manner that will be sustainable. The outcome will be measured via the Point-In-Time (PIT) count conducted by each County.

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 the contract?

The organization can provide a detailed plan to fulfill the deliverables, but if they are not met without good reasoning, it may result in financial penalties or paying back unused funds.

15. Requester Contact Information



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a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number