



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1463

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

To connect an ever-growing community of veterans and their families, through a weekend of camaraderie and deep-sea fishing. Since most Veterans claim to miss the bond of brotherhood that serving in the armed forces forges, Hookin' Veterans' goal is to help them reconnect with other service members and re-establish this bond in an effort to combat the increase of veteran suicide. Our goal is, and has been, to partner with other non-profits to expand our wellness, mental health and resiliency. This will allow us to offer the veterans that attend the trips the relaxation and peace of mind to build bonds and talk to other veterans about their experiences. Thus proving talk therapy between other disabled veterans from multi generational and multi operational eras.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

**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)	250,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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No

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, Marketing and Advertising, and Promotional products	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Single Arm Amputee, Custom Made Fishing Rod Attachment Mobility Device; Fuel Costs, Lodging Meals for attendees, fishing vessel costs, and flight costs	230,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

A four day all expense paid fishing excursion. Our goal is, and has been, to partner with other non-profits to expand our wellness, mental health and resiliency. We offer educational opportunities for the veteran to return home with knowledge regarding mental health resources and the skills to fish fresh water or salt water.

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

Disabled Veterans of the United States Armed Forces will be able to build community and camaraderie and these bonds help to combat mental health issues that have led to veteran suicide. This will take place through fishing excursions in which attendees gain skills and share experiences.

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

Disabled Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; 90 plus Veterans are expected to be served.

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

The expected benefit is to have Heroes remembered and Heroes honored. Allowing the Veteran(s) the kindle new bonds with brothers in arms and giving them an experience they will remember forever. This will be measured by questionnaires, surveys, and up-kept communication with attendees.

**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?**

None at this time.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

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



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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