



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2274

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To provide a meeting space for Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) that do not currently have a post home. VSO members store the paperwork, ceremonial items and other service items in their personal spaces. The addition of the room includes space for these items to be stored on the property. There will be a call center of up to 5 phones to provide callers a quiet place to reach out to Veterans carrying out the American Legion Be-The-One suicide prevention campaign.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	25,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	375,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	15,000	3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	180,000	30%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	595,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2024

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.

Sauls-Bridges Post 13, American Legion is the entity as a 501(c)19 non-profit. The members of the post own the facility.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, Telephones, Displays, and networking equipment	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Engineering costs for the plans and evaluation.	10,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This will provide for the addition of a ~1000 sqft. meeting space, handicapped accessible bathroom, Veteran Call Center and modern air conditioning of the current meeting spaces. Sauls-Bridges Post 13 will provide the space for the call center as well as the land for VSO's to meet on. The property and the land will remain under the control of the American Legion for management purposes.	375,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

14. Program Performance

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

To provide Veteran meeting spaces separate from the main meeting room so that community functions and Veteran activities can continue to function at the same time.



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

Veteran meeting spaces separate from the main meeting room so that community functions and Veteran activities can continue to function at the same time.

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

Community dances can be held at the same time as VSO's meetings. Currently, the Veteran Service Organizations do not have a meeting room of their own. This constricts the VSO's from meeting as needed but funds the operation of the American Legion Post.

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

Veterans in the greater Tallahassee area. ~4,000

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

Improve Mental Health of Veterans by calling and letting know we care. We will also inform them of the appropriate place to call for assistance if needed. We will measure this by comparing the area's Veteran Suicide rate from each year to verify if the calls are making an improvement in Veterans Mental Health.

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 funding is to provide construction for meeting spaces and Be-The-One Suicide Prevention phone call center. If not met, the organization should be required to repay the money.

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
- Other (please specify) 501(c)19

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number