



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Building Homes for Heroes

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/08/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Building Homes for Heroes will be rebuilding lives for many Florida veterans who have honorably served and returned home tragically injured. Many of our home recipients are paralyzed, missing limbs, blind and/or suffer and struggle with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Recommended by the Honorable Governor Scott for \$2 million in his 2018-2019 Securing Florida's Future Budget under the section "Community Development and Revitalization," we are now helping soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice by gifting homes to Gold Star Families as well as to helping those families who suffer with the heartbreaking loss of a loved one.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Economic Opportunity

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	1,000,000	1,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,000,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 4



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		1,000,000	1,000,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

All funding for Building Homes for Heroes will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, and enhance homes to and for Florida veterans.

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

We will be rebuilding lives of many Florida veterans who have honorably served and returned home tragically injured. Many of our home recipients are paralyzed, missing limbs, blind and/or struggle with TBI and PTSD. Recommended by the Honorable Gov. Scott for \$2 million in his 2018-2019 Budget, we plan to help boost Florida's economy and infrastructure by building and modifying a minimum of 20 homes. We will build homes from the ground-up, modify homes and renovate foreclosed homes. All newly refurbished foreclosed homes will receive hurricane-related additions and ground-up homes will be made to meet hurricane-related regulations. We will turn the appropriated \$1 million into a minimum \$4.5 million investment directly to our veterans, contractors, communities and state. Together, we will be building homes, rebuilding lives, hiring hundreds of licensed Florida contractors, beautifying communities, and inspiring residents around our veterans across Florida.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funding Building Homes for Heroes receives will be used to build, modify, maintain, transfer, and enhance homes to and for Florida veterans.	1,000,000
TOTAL		1,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

In partnership with the State of Florida, we will be building homes, rebuilding lives, hiring hundreds of local-licensed Florida contractors, beautifying communities and inspiring residents around our veterans all across the great state of Florida.

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

We strive to help veterans who served their country with honor, who returned from their deployment with physical and/or psychological injuries, including PTSD and TBI, who now face an uncertain future. We gift them homes that adapt to their injuries, improving their quality of life and happiness. We have been informed by our home recipients multiple times that receiving a home saved their life. Also, we are helping spouses and children of veterans who face similar problems as they pursue a normal and productive life. Through a mortgage-free home gift, and continuous care from within our program, they will receive the foundation and support system they need that allows them to live a hopeful life, and become productive members of the community. Hundreds of contractors will be hired to perform the construction on these homes and the spirits of neighbors



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across a growing number of communities will be raised. We expect to serve as many as 750 individuals who fall within these categories.

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

The gifting, modification and enhancement of a minimum of 25 homes for injured veterans and their families, while boosting Florida's economy by hiring more than 250 licensed Florida contractors and rejuvenating local communities. The methodology to determine this is: the number of injured veterans and their families who receive homes, the number of homes completed, the number of contractors hired, the total value returned to veterans, contractors and communities combined (expected to exceed \$4.5 million), and the community spirit that is lifted within neighborhoods all across the State of Florida.

g. 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?

We would recommend the same penalty from last year's grant request: A financial consequence of \$40,000 per project home not fully completed up to the full amount payable under this deliverable. But we have every intention of fulfilling all of our contract obligations.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

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13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Andy Pujol
- b. **Organization:** Building Homes for Heroes
- c. **Email:** Andy@buildinghomesforheroes.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (516)316-3358

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Building Homes for Heroes
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Andy Pujol
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone Number: