



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2404

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Providing critical services to our community, Five Star Veterans Center is the only residential transitional center for veterans experiencing homelessness in Northeast Florida. Veterans enter into a program with on-site services that restores their mental and physical health, provides education, job and life readiness preparation, and post-residential support programs to ensure a successful transition to civilian life.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	374,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>374,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	374,000	57%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	55,000	8%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	60,000	9%
Other	175,000	26%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>664,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	374,000	576A	No

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.**

Private Fundraising efforts with Local and Federal government grants.

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

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



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\$262,500, Which was put towards programmatic expenses such as food and housing for veterans, in addition to covering salaries of center employees as required per CARES Funding.

### 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

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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment and Program materials supplies to support the passport to Independence program. Assessment materials, tracking support projections and printing materials/equipment.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Funding to support one (1) mental health counselor, who leads the centers efforts and guides the staff to meet the homeless veterans needs. One (1) FTE Residential Case Manager performing the duties as outlined in the approved job description.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program Residential Living Expenses (40) residents - Includes the cost of three meals per day, housing, and program activities. Behavioral Health Assessment Instruments to capture veterans baseline symptoms and monitor progress in addressing the symptoms.	224,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	n/a	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>374,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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



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The Five STAR Veterans Center offers to help homeless or displaced veterans who are suffering with Post Traumatic Stress or other behavior health issues. The goal is to achieve greater self-determination, independent residential and increased financial stability, and improved job skills through an individual Passport to Independence long-term goal achievement plan to help with re-integration to civilian life.

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

Five STAR Veterans Center is Northeast Florida's only Veterans Housing Community for homeless or displaced veterans, and the first facility in Florida that focuses solely on these men and women. Five Star Veterans Center provides shelter and programming to re-integrate veterans into civilian life.

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

- Provide evidence-based treatment methods focused on helping to develop solid strategies to promote healthy decisionmaking and to heal emotional/psychological distress of participants.
- Administer random urine drug screens to residents.
- On-site Job Assistance: Access to computer lab, Resume interview support.
- On-site Behavioral Health Services.
- Transportation Support.
- Housing/Meal Support:

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

Veterans with poor mental and physical health, Jobless veterans, Economically disadvantaged Veterans, Formerly incarcerated veterans and drug offenders. The program is expected to serve 800 individuals.

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

Reduce veteran homelessness and return those veterans to independent living with coping skills, jobs, and a home. The overall methodology rate to date is a 86% successful reintegration. This outcome is measured by the successful transition rate of Veterans from our care into general society.

**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?**

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

**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)



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- 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**