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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lake County Veteran's Treatment Court

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/16/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Lake County Veteran's Treatment Court [LCVTC] is a court-supervised program for those arrested in Lake County who have a mental illness, substance abuse, or other mental health condition related to their military service, who need treatment and other services, and who choose to participate in the LCVTC instead of having their case precede through the regular court process. The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court's mission is to promote public safety while supporting eligible veterans and their families through a coordinated effort among veterans' services, community services, and the court to leave no eligible veteran behind.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? State Court System

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
200,000		200,000

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	50,000	20.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	50,000	20.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 250,000

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) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18



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- 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
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

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

Yes

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

\$200,000.00

11. Program Performance:

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

The goals of the Lake County Veterans Treatment Court are to: 1) Reduce criminal recidivism 2) Facilitate participant sobriety 3) Reduce costs of criminal cases 4) Increase compliance of treatment and other court-ordered conditions 5) Improve access to VA benefits and services 6) Improve family relationships and social connections and 7) Improve life stability

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

Veteran's Treatment Court integrates alcohol/drug treatment and mental health services into the justice system case process. Partnerships with stakeholders allow for a coordinated strategy for responses to participants' compliance. Veteran mentors and the court case manager assist participants with peer support, housing, employment linkages, job training, education, transportation, disability compensation claims, discharge status and other linkages available at the local, state and federal level. Contracted substance abuse and mental health counseling is provided to all participants. Alcohol and drug testing is completed to monitor and ensure abstinence. There is ongoing judicial interaction.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Case Manager Position	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training, local travel and supplies	10,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Therapeutic treatment and drug testing for clients.	140,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		200,000

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

The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court serves veterans in the criminal justice system and, therefore, does not provide direct services to citizens. However, Florida's citizens indirectly benefit from lower crime rates and the improvement of mental health and treatment outcomes of clients who successfully complete the program.

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

Eligible clients are Veterans, that have a documented substance abuse and/or mental health diagnosis directly related to their military service and are involved with the criminal justice system. Participants may be homeless and unemployed. The Lake County Veteran's Treatment Court expects to serve 75-100 individuals.

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

The program will track eligible participants and success rates. Improved physical health through increased access to VA benefits will be measured with medical evaluations. Improved mental health will be measured by increased functioning scores using evidence based psychological assessments. Improved community safety will be measured by completed court sanctions and monitored through intensive case supervision. Education and employment assistance will result in improved economic self-sufficiency of program participants. Decreased recidivism will be measured with arrest data. Decreased substance abuse will be measured by random



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urinalysis and successful completion of substance abuse counseling. Decreased court time and cost to the Judicial system will be measured through program participants being diverted from the traditional court process.

- 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?**

Standard Contractor/Vendor Performance Penalties.

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.**

No fixed capital outlay funding. All for programming.

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- b. **County:** Lake
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
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