



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** MC Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

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

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Reach out and train veterans to be gainfully employed in the construction trades. Based on recent statistics, there are in excess of 5,000 Veterans in the four counties being served who are not in the workforce, but are seeking a career path. Currently, there is a critical shortage of trained people in a number of construction trades that this program will help to fill through academic and hands on training through Santa Fe College and MC Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

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

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
180,000		180,000

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):** 180,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
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:			

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

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Reach out and train veterans to be gainfully employed in the construction trades. Based on recent statistics, there are in excess of 5,000 Veterans in the four counties being served who are not in the workforce, but are seeking a career path. Currently, there is a critical shortage of trained people in a number of construction trades that this program will help to fill through academic and hands on training through Santa Fe College and MC Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc.

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

Funds will be used to recruit, train and employ Veterans and immediate family members in the construction industry by meeting their needs, through the training provided by Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. and Santa Fe College.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Exec Director develop, plan, train and coordinate services, applicants and partners and acts as chief administrative officer for the program - salary and benefits.	35,000



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Servicing clients, attending workshops, training sessions.	12,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Two field recruiters/counselors and mentors working directly with clients in the program.	65,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation reimbursement for needy students to attend classes at Santa Fe College, Scholarship dollars for needy.	68,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		180,000

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

The citizens of the four counties will receive classroom as well as specific and designed training provided by Santa Fe College and Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. with an emphasis on the unique status and special requirements that Veterans have and need.

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

Veterans and their immediate family members (sons, daughters and spouses) and, veterans in the following categories: jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, high School students, university/college students, and currently or formerly incarcerated persons.

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

Improve mental health-opportunities for employment will be greatly enhanced upon completion of the program-measurements will include surveys, case management and employment outcome. Improve quality of education-students will be measured upon completion of the program-measurements will include them



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receiving a certificate of completion in their chosen field and placement into a job or internship or program. Create specific immediate job opportunities-provide well trained individuals to the construction trades-measured by the number of students placed in construction jobs or related field. Enhance specific individuals economic self sufficiency-students will be placed in a good paying job in the construction industry-measured by students gaining knowledge needed to pass exams and obtain employment.

- 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?**

Loss of funding

- 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.**

None

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- d. Phone Number:** (352)433-2320

- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization:** MC Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc
- b. County:** Alachua, Levy, Marion, Putnam
- c. Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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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:**