



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1891

1. **Title of Project:** Five Star Veterans Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Audrey Gibson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/14/2019

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 :** Department of Veterans Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	374,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	374,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	374,000	42.31%
Federal	80,000	9.05%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	400,000	45.25%
Other	30,000	3.39%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	884,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		150,000	577A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$374,000.00

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
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		
Operational Costs:		
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 veteran's baseline symptoms and monitor progress in addressing the symptoms.	224,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		374,000

11. Program Performance:

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

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.

b. What are the activities and services that 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 are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

- Provide assessment for behavioral/mental health issues.
- Develop, and update every 90 days, comprehensive and individualized treatment plans with participant based on the problems and needs identified.
- Provide evidence-based treatment methods focused on helping to develop solid strategies to promote healthy decision-



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making and to heal emotional/psychological distress of participants - based on sound therapeutic knowledge and individualized to the specific needs and desires of participants and their families. •Administer random urine drug screens to residents •On-site Job Assistance: Access to a computer lab, wireless internet and email to engage in employment services. Services include job, resume and interview support, vocational guidance, computer skills and job referrals. •On-site Behavioral Health Services.

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

Persons with poor physical and mental health, Jobless Veterans, Economically disadvantaged Veterans, Homeless Veterans, Currently or formerly incarcerated persons, Drug offenders, Veterans. Over 800 individuals served.

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 through Dec 1, 2018 is 86.1%. 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 in the contract?

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

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Duval
- 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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