



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1084

1. **Project Title** Veterans Helping Veterans USA, Inc.

2. **Senate Sponsor** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Request** 10/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

To assist Veterans and their families who are in need of social services and information to improve their lives and to assist them in maintaining their independence. This is accomplished through direct contact with Veterans and their families, limited financial assistance, counseling, employment referrals, a food and clothing bank, and through a network of referrals to other Veterans groups, government and other social service agencies.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Veterans' Affairs

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	160,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	160,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	160000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	160,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Chief Administrator, project coordination and supervision	6,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Two part-time case managers, counseling and outreach.	32,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, office supplies, fuel and client services.	55,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accountant	2,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Full Service Van/RV equipped with kitchenette, shower and bathroom to aide Veterans in the field or on the street who lack provisions and need immediate care and relief.	65,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		160,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To serve unmet needs of veterans and their families by providing social services and case management to bring veterans up to a level of self sufficiency and independence.

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

Provide social service contacts to veterans and their families including counseling, referral, advocacy, and direct social service assistance, including food and limited financial assistance for such items such as rent, utilities, special dietary needs. Assist veterans in finding employment, through counseling and networking on their behalf. We utilize approximately 100 volunteers who perform office work, make hospital and home visits and make minor repairs to veterans' homes, grocery shopping.

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

Veterans Helping Veterans USA, Inc. will emphasize the unique status and special requirements that Veterans have and need in Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Levy, Marion and Putnam County FL. Each Veteran and their family will have hands on service through our organization which will work as their support system to help with their basic living needs while assisting them in job placement, community involvement, etc.

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

Veterans and their families in need and/or homeless. We plan to serve 800 plus veterans and their families.

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

This project will help out veterans improve their physical and mental health, reduce substance abuse, divert from criminal justice system which will also protect the general public from harm.

We will measure the success of the project case by case evaluation of clients progress and evaluate the outcome of the treatment plans.

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?

Loss of funding.



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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☒ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ 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

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.