



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1186

1. **Project Title** Homeless Veteran Housing Assistance - Brevard2. **Senate Sponsor** Debbie Mayfield3. **Date of Request** 10/30/20194. **Project/Program Description**

The funding will provide operational support for two programs supporting homeless and at-risk veterans. The first program is a street outreach program (called Search and Rescue) where personnel go out into the streets of our community to locate, engage, and assist homeless/at-risk/low-income veterans and their dependents get into housing or prevent them from losing housing. The program focus is two-fold: 1) Assist unsheltered clients get into housing programs to get them off the streets; 2) Prevent at-risk/low income veterans who are homeless or facing imminent loss of housing or utilities, by reviewing their financial status, educating them on proper financial management, and intervening with funding for housing. The second program is our veteran supportive housing program which has a capacity to provide emergency/transitional/permanent supportive housing to 17 homeless veterans and their dependents.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and FamiliesState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	190,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	190,000

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)	190000	45.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	235,000	55 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	425,000	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		
2019-20	00	150,000	348	No

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Programs Director (responsible for both Outreach and Housing Program): \$48,619, 75% in Outreach, 25% in Housing. Data Entry (responsible for data input into HUD Case Management System HMIS): \$39,826, 75% in Outreach, 25% in Housing. Outreach Assistant (part-time, Conducts/Organizes Outreach Activities with Volunteers): \$16,380. Housing Manager (manages client cases and facility maintenance activities in housing program): \$38,472.	143,297
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Utilities (property utilities for 4 housing units): \$22,000. Maintenance (Routine maintenance for housing units and property upkeep): \$20,703. Property Insurance (for housing units including general liability for 4 units): \$4,000.	46,703
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		190,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

The primary goals for these programs are to locate homeless and at-risk veterans in our community by physically going out and connecting with them in the field, and converting them through personalized case management and supportive housing to self sufficient citizens again. The specific purpose of these programs is to accomplish our mission of "Eliminating Homelessness Among Veterans in Central Florida". Since 2011 when the state first started partnering with this agency, these two programs have driven an outstanding 75% reduction in the total homeless veteran population in Brevard County according to the Brevard Homeless Coalition's Bi-Annual Point in Time Count, far exceeding the reduction rate of any neighboring counties.

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

The funds from the State will provide assistance with case management, data tracking, maintenance/utilities of the housing facilities, and direct management of the two programs. Case management will be provided in both a field environment via the outreach program, and in the housing facilities. All case data from the field and the housing units are recorded in a shared homeless database mandated by HUD called the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which the agency has been a member of and has been contributing to since 2009.

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

Street Outreach, Case Management, and Emergency/Transitional/Permanent Supportive Housing

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

The target populations for both programs are homeless, at-risk, and low income veterans and their dependents primarily in Brevard and adjacent counties. The Search and Rescue Program assists approximately 250 clients annually. The Housing Program assists approximately 25 clients annually.

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

The consensus cost to state and local government in Florida for 1 homeless person to remain homeless 1 year is \$31,065, which includes costs to law enforcement agencies, emergency rooms, jails, public works, etc. in a one year span. The cost to house in a transitional facility averages \$7,000 annually per person. In 2018, 39 veterans and 50 dependents were found in Brevard unsheltered during our biannual count, representing a cost of \$2.76M annually to taxpayers. Minimum ROI is calculated as followed: 190,000 requested from state, 25 clients from streets to our housing program alone reduces burden to tax payers \$601,625 per year, resulting in a minimum ROI for the state of 316%. Every client we assist in obtaining housing or using another agencies housing program via the outreach program only increases ROI. In 2018, we assisted nearly 250 clients, with a 90% success rate in getting them placed into a housing program within 30 days if homeless < 6 months.

##### 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?

During our 2019-20 grant cycle, the agency was required to assist a minimum amount of clients monthly. If the agency failed to meet the minimum target, the amount submitted for reimbursement is deducted at a rate proportionate to the percentage of the missed target amount. The agency believes this is the penalty the contract agency should apply to this request as well. It should be noted, that at no time during the 2019-20 grant period did the agency receive a penalty.



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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.