



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2128

1. **Project Title** Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative

2. **Senate Sponsor** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Request** 12/03/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

This groundbreaking program has been serving area veterans and their families for three years and inspiring other service and veterans organizations around the state to provide ongoing civil and criminal "advice and referral" clinics to help resolve years of legal problems for individual veterans from around the state and country, prioritizing homeless and at-risk veterans, and especially assisting with the painstaking obstacles to driver's license reinstatement. Hundreds of pro bono attorneys have assisted more than one thousand veterans with assistance of scores of law students and other volunteers.

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	280,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	280,000

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)	280000	48.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	50,000	9 %
Other	250,000	43 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	580,000	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		
2018-19	00	400,000	143	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 200,000



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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	Coordinator	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Part-time Administrative Assistant	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, Insurance	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting	12,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Paralegal and case manager (2 positions equivalency, advocacy and co-ordination of community service by veterans for converted fines and costs)	80,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, Travel, Drivers License Assistance	36,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Family Law services for indigent veterans	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		280,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative (TV LC) will continue to provide legal advice and referral clinics in Tallahassee for veterans and their families, especially homeless and at-risk veterans including both civil and criminal issues, especially assisting with reinstatement of driver's licenses.

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

Ongoing clinics, research, intakes, advocacy and coordination of legal and other services among collaborating agencies and organizations, including direct representation when appropriate and referrals to pro bono and "low bono" attorneys through TVLC's network of volunteers and participating attorneys

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

Consultations, assistance in filing petitions and obtaining other documents from around the country to assist veterans in a variety of legal issues with agencies, courts, the VA and referrals for other services through collaborating agencies, including housing, employment, counseling, suicide intervention, etc.

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

Hundreds of veterans and their families in the Tallahassee region, especially homeless and at risk veterans, totaling 200 over a year's time.

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

Scores of veterans will receive satisfactory answers and or resolution of their legal issues, dozens will achieve benefits and other needed services, and scores will be referred to other agencies and attorneys through TVLC's network; ongoing comment cards are collected, cases are updated by follow up phone calls and in-person visits at weekly TVLC clinics at the American legion, and results will be evaluated in conjunction with the two dozen collaborating organizations and agencies, including the VA, FDVA, FVF, 2D judicial circuit, etc.

- 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?

Pro rata reduction in funding, maybe requiring reduction in 4th quarter 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.

None

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.