



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2219

1. **Project Title** Northwest Florida State College - FLDVA Alternative Treatment for Veterans2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer3. **Date of Request** 01/03/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Working through the FLDVA Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans (CS/CS/HB 501) program, Northwest Florida State College, through Healing Paws for Warriors, a local, veteran found / veteran led 501 (c)(3) that provides rescue-to-trained American Disability Act (ADA) service dogs to veterans faced with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or Military Sexual Trauma (MST) at "no cost" to the veteran with continued support; reducing the statistic of veteran suicide, increasing self and family health and wellness.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	50,000

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)	50000	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	50,000	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. 50,000



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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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs to rescue dogs from shelters, veterinary services/medication, food and kennel care. Expenses to include standard and modified dog-handler equipment to mitigate physical disabilities. Travel to and from (local) rescues, fosters, and training venues.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: right;">25,000</div>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted service evaluates dogs from shelters, provides input to veterinary/ kennel care and dog training. Consultant reviews standard and modified dog-handler equipment; mitigating physical disabilities. Evaluates and provides education for veteran-specific dog training.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: right;">25,000</div>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		50,000



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11. Program Performance

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

HP4Ws program's purpose is to Save a Veteran / Rescue a Dog. It is a program that reduces veteran suicide and canine euthanizing; pairing one veteran and one dog – saving 2 lives.

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

It will provide a veteran program to learn about responsibility and gain a service dog, also known as a medical device that will assist in their day-to-day activities. Once program is completed, (x2) dog-handler certifications completed and graduation recognizing their efforts will be provided giving a sense of accomplishment and re-engage with their families and local communities

Increase community awareness to veteran suicide and saving/providing dogs a second chance.

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

Operational costs will assist in providing service dogs expenses and veteran dog-handler education. It has been reflected in multiple surveys, that highly-trained service dogs are considered a medical device for the veteran; decreasing destructive behavior by the individual or in the community.

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

Jobless persons, University/College students, military veterans, 800 +

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

Improve physical health, mental health, quality of education, increase economic activity, and enhance specific individual's economic self worth: successful educational and career outcomes for veterans, the number of Veterans placed into the workforce or continuing their education, increased number of veterans, active duty, and military dependents successfully completing a certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree, count of veterans, active duty, and military dependents served by the Veterans Success Center, and attainment of a job with a sustainable family wage.

- 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?

The Department may terminate the agreement at any time in the event of the failure of the College to fulfill any of its obligations under the agreement



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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.

NA

13. Requestor Contact Information

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14. Recipient Contact Information

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- b. Municipality and County Okaloosa
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☒ Local Entity
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