



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1011

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

K9s United is a nonprofit organization based in Jacksonville, FL and committed to supporting and honoring K9s who detect, protect and serve communities across the state by giving them the necessary equipment and quality of life during and after their service.

Founder, Debbie Johnson, had the idea after hearing of the tragic death of Baron, a local K9. She felt moved to attend his funeral and consequently help. She enrolled in the Civilian Law Enforcement Academy, and it was during a ride-along, and subsequent meetings at the Sheriff's office, that she learned of budgetary needs not being met by allocated funding. Debbie wanted to ensure that all money raised went directly to the K9 units. When this couldn't be guaranteed she requested units send her a list of needs. She would then go to

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	394,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	394,500

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	394,500	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	394,500	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director	40,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Digital Marketing Fundraiser (\$65,000) Accounting Firm (\$15,000)Letter	80,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Audit by certified Accounting Firm	10,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Fund two advanced training seminars in FL (\$50,000) 50 Heat Alarms for agencies in FL (\$100,000) 25 K9 vehicle inserts (\$62,500), provide two dogs for agencies in need (\$24,000) and 20 Bitesuits for training (\$22,000)	258,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	contract services for management of social media	6,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		394,500

12. Program Performance

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

To date since we started in 2015 K9s United has been an all volunteer non profit with people putting in 30 plus hours each week. For us to properly grow & serve even more LE agencies we must invest in our infrastructure. Our goal is to help supplement what's not being met due to budget constraints. With this much needed funding for one part time social media position, one full time marketing manager and one full time executive director, we can begin to truly grow serving more Florida agencies.

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

Monies will be used to fund our program so that we can continue to provide much needed heat alarms, inserts for the K9 vehicle, provide dogs for agencies in need, bitesuits for training in addition to hosting free advanced training seminars throughout the state of FL. Our goal is to continue to help supplement what's not being due to budget constraints.

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

K9s Units are utilized to assist LE professionals in their community with crime prevention through education & presence. They also assist in criminal enforcement with dangerous suspect location & apprehension, narcotics & explosive detection, and evidence location & recovery. They also assist with locating lost children & adults, or adults who have walked away on foot due to mental disabilities.

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



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elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, at risk youth, developmentally disabled, drug users, preschool, grade school and high school students, victims of crime

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

Providing these K9s quality of life during their service and for their life after service.

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 the contract?

Return of the funds.

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number