



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1343

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding requested is to provide operational support for two programs supporting homeless and at-risk of homelessness veterans in Brevard County. 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 veterans and their dependents get into housing, or prevent at-risk veteran families from losing housing. Focus of this program is to: 1) place unsheltered clients in housing programs to get them off the streets; and 2) prevent at-risk veterans facing imminent loss of housing from becoming homeless by securing financial assistance to pay housing costs and provide stability. 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 simultaneously.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	41%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	293,000	59%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	493,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	150,000	352	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Donations from Individuals and Corporations, Fundraising Event Sponsorships and Fees, United Way Grant Funding, Foundation Grant Funding, and Program Fees from Housing Tenants.



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

Yes

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

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of \$28,192 was received for payroll expenses over the period 5/4/2020 to 10/15/2020. PPP Round 2 for \$28,192 was received for payroll and operational expenses over the period 2/26/2021 to 08/12/2021.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Programs Director (Responsible for both Outreach and Housing Program): \$43,218, 75% in Outreach, 25% in Housing. Data Entry (Responsible for data input into HUD Case Management System HMIS) and screening prevention clients: \$30,891, 100% in outreach. Outreach Program Assistant (Conducts/ Organizes Outreach Activities): \$35,000. Housing Manager (Manages client cases and properties): \$40,891.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

12. Program Performance

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

The ultimate goal of the program is to rapidly get homeless veterans off the streets and into a supportive housing program, and keep at-risk veterans in their homes helping them secure funding needed to stay housed and restructure their finances to stabilize their lives. Since 2011 when the State first started partnering with this agency, these 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 of the neighboring counties in the State.

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

Primary activities and services include: executing consistent street level outreach throughout Brevard to locate and assist unsheltered homeless veterans and get them into supportive housing programs, locating and assisting veterans facing imminent loss of housing obtain the financial assistance needed (directly through this program or through partner agencies) to prevent homelessness, and operation of a supportive housing program for homeless veterans centered on returning them to self-sufficiency.

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



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Street Outreach, Case Management, and Emergency/Transitional/Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless, At-Risk, and Low Income Veterans and their Families.

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

Target population for both programs are homeless, at-risk, and low income veterans and their dependents located primarily in Brevard County and adjacent counties. Search and Rescue: Assists approximately 300 clients annually. 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 local/state governments throughout Florida for 1 homeless person to remain homeless for 1 year is \$31,065, which comprises of costs to law enforcement agencies, emergency rooms, jails, public works, etc...over the course of a year. 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 annual cost of \$2.76M annually to taxpayers. Minimum ROI is calculated as followed: 150,000 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 301%. Every client we assist get into housing or stay in their housing only increases ROI. In 20-21 we assisted nearly 295 clients get into housing or remain in their housing.

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?

During our 2020-21 grant cycle, among several other performance measures, 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 2020-21 grant period did the agency receive a penalty.

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