



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2383

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

4. Project/Program Description

Build out of "Camp Valor" for Operation 300. Operation 300 is a not for profit organization that cares for Gold Star families and / or families who have lost a loved one due to their service in our nation's military. "Camp Valor" is a 20 acre parcel of land that we use to host adventure camps for children who have lost a father, hold widow retreats for military widows, Gold Star Father retreats for men who have lost a child serving and various other community impact programs.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	57%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	375,000	43%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	875,000	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.

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



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

Funds were used expressly for payroll for employees - forgiven
EIDL Loan - \$25,000
PPP Loan - \$34,067
EIDL Advance - \$7,000

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will go toward the creation of a driveway, pavilion, kitchen areas, sewage & irrigation, lighting and eight family cabins.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Camp Valor will serve as a permanent home for the programs that Operation 300 provides to military families. Operation 300 provides mentorship to children of the fallen, honor the sacrifice of our fallen service men and women, and promote patriotism and service in our community. Funds received will go to the creation of a permanent camp ground. Currently, the camp is a temporary camp ground, that requires full setup and breakdown before and after camp. Funds received will provide a permanent home that honors the legacy of our warriors and their families while providing a place where they can find hope and healing.

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

Camp retreats that allow for ongoing mentorship for children & teens from reliable adults. Outdoor activities such as fishing, archery, horseback riding, sports, camping, shooting. We host 7 camps each year. Campers return annually. Coaching from local law enforcement about the need to refrain from substance abuse. Retreats provided for retired military to support mental health and community.

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

The funding will provide a permanent camp site that will not only be used by the participants of Operation 300 programs but also by other local nonprofits, law enforcement & military groups for weekend and week long retreats focusing on both physical and mental health, safety training, outdoor team building activities etc. (Ex:Treasure Coast District Scouts will be using the campground in January.)

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

Person with poor mental and or physical health. At risk youth preschool, grade school & high school students, college students, military widows, Gold Star families, veterans



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

Participants will be outdoors for the majority of the retreat. They will be required to participate in physical activities and encouraged to continue to participate in similar activities on their own time. Participants are provided with mentors who can encourage, listen and give advice. Participants are given the opportunity to spend time with other children / families who are in the same situation. This gives them the knowledge that they are not alone in their grief. They will leave knowing that people care and they can survive this tragedy.
Reviews & surveys from parents and participants - before & after.
Surveys to parents & participants to measure improved or increased physical activity and to rate their enjoyment of it.

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?

Funds will be returned at a prorated amount if deliverables are not met.

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.

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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