



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2506

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

By Recruiting, screening, training Florida's Military Veterans to serve as Guest Lecturers, Substitute Teachers, and programs that lead to permanent Teaching Certification for those who are called to the profession. This gradual approach allows veterans to experience the classroom before committing full-time. It simultaneously solves the critical substitute shortage.

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	245,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>245,000</b>

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)	245,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Federal funds are sunseting. Charitable giving and program revenues such as compensation from schools of choice and districts allocated to substitute pay partially support the mission.

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.

TBD

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director (also a working substitute teacher) MBA educated, former teacher	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Program and Curriculum Director (also a working Substitute teacher)	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Additional Stipends to attract Veterans to be trained and to serve as Substitute Teachers	52,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment (Tablet Computers for presentations)= \$5000 Website with scheduling function for substitutes email automation for recruiting, \$12,500 Recruiting and Guest Lecture Reimbursement Travel= \$20,000	37,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Certified Teachers to Mentor Veterans and Train them for the Classroom and provide ongoing support= \$45,000 Fingerprinting, Security Level 2 Federal Background checks, military service verification for 50 Veterans = \$25,000 Mental Health Clearance and ongoing group support= \$10,000 Marketing, Media, and Promotion Consulting: \$20,00	100,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>245,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Recruiting, screening, training, and placing Military Veterans into k-12 classroom settings as guest lecturers, substitutes, and feeding into programs for full-time teacher certification.

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

Recruiting, Screening, training, and deployment of military veterans into k-12 classroom setting as guest lecturers and substitute teachers.

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

Guest lectures and Critical Shortage of Substitute teaching

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

Florida's Military Veterans and K-12 students. Goal is to serve 50-100 veterans and thousands of k-12 students.

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



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Benefit: Veterans will have a purpose and by sharing their experiences and helping the community they will improve mental health and potentially reduce suicide risk. Measurement: Pre-and post assessment of Veteran Participants by Licensed Mental Health Professional and satisfaction survey.  
Benefit: Improve Quality of Education: Providing standards-based guest lectures by well-trained and prepared veterans which lead to substitute teacher preparation will allow veterans to share their experience and passion with our students.  
Post lecture assessments and activities by students.  
Regular lesson assessments prepared by regular teacher but delivered by substitute  
Measurement:

**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?**

Termination of contract and return of any undisbursed funds to the State of Florida.

**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