



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2621

1. Project Title Veterans Resource Center Phase II - Hillsborough

2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess

3. Date of Request 01/19/2022

4. Project/Program Description

To provide educational programs and displays to school aged youth and community residents. Model should include all eras of war and the historical connection to Hillsborough County and the State of Florida. The Veterans Resource Educational Center will increase knowledge of military and family contributions to all military historical events in our nation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,650,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,650,000</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)	1,650,000	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>1,650,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.

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.



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#### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expansion of Veteran Resource Center (Phase II) which includes a 4,621 SF expansion facility. Approximate 3,800 SF open floor gallery expansion space Approximate 800 SF to include the following: 1 Office, 1 Data Room, 1 Electrical Room, 1 Loading/Storage Room	1,650,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,650,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Increase educational awareness to veterans, families, school-aged children, and citizens directly related to military conflicts and community contributions. Site is intended to become a regional destination for local tourism in the Tampa Bay Area.

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

Building will be adjoined to existing Veteran Resource Center which currently provides holistic services to veterans and families. Services include local County Veteran Service Officers, local County Consumer Protection Investigators, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs Claims examiner, and federal VA Medical Center James Haley Healthcare Enrollment Specialist.

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

Educational Services as well as holistic veteran services while visiting the campus.

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

The target populations are grade school students, high school students, university/college students, elderly persons, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless persons, and developmentally disabled and physically disabled persons.  
\*\*\* Veterans Memorial Park hosts nearly 100,000 visitors per year, and the Veteran Service Office serves approximately 38k,000 veterans and their families annually. The Educational Center is expected to generate a significant amount of visits from residents and tourists coming through the Tampa Bay area. The existing phase 1 of the Veteran Resource Center and Memorial Park has been named by the Veterans Day National Committee at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for the fifth year, as a Regional Destination.

##### 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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Increased educational awareness and appreciation for the military branch of services; as well as historical local contributions. Outcomes will be measured through internal data systems and customer satisfaction surveys.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties

**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.**

Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Consumer and Veteran Services.



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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