



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2680

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Veterans Communications Pipeline will assist the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) with expanding their outreach for veterans, especially homeless veterans. By connecting the many veterans' organizations through the state at the regional and local level, this program will address the loss of connectivity with veterans not in the Veterans Administration pipeline and who do not use government agencies for social welfare nor benefits.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	50,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	400,000	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?

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	One Executive Director and one assistant	85,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Site visits for setting up regions, recruiting the regional coordinators and training	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Five Regional Coordinators	135,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office expenses for 5 Regional Coordinators (phone, computers, and office supplies)	95,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Military Outreach Consultation and data collection	15,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

Veterans from WWII to the Afghan War have returned from service with each "era of war" having different mental, physical and hurtful scars. Homeless veterans especially have differing views on and trust of government agency services and help. Many veterans don't know how to coordinate assistance for re-entry into life even if they could trust. Veterans Service Organizations are working piecemeal to identify these veterans and determine their specific needs. This program creates a network of the Veterans Services Organizations to pool efforts and collaborate on solutions for veterans who remain outside the more traditional government approach. The network will be coordinated by Clara White Mission which will collaborate with the FL Dept of Veterans Affairs to address this missing population.

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

Through this project, surveys will be taken of veterans populations arriving at local Veterans Services Organizations. Analysis of their varied military engagements and the aftereffects of them will be recorded. Identification of common and specific short and long term needs will be done. This information will be analyzed in conjunction with the analysis of veteran information collected by FDVA on veterans who have registered with that agency. It is the intent of this project to work closely with FDVA and collaborate with the state agency on its design and implementation.

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

This 118 year old mission, has developed customize programming which help veterans, especially homeless veterans, get their lives back through a continuum of services provided daily and monthly. There are other veterans services organizations throughout the state also providing some type of these services. Linking these organizations together will allow for the transference of best ideas and programs and especially for this program, the counting and locating of veterans who are not on the FDVA radar.

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

Homeless veterans, and veterans who do not engage with governmental veteran agencies will be identified. Initially it is projected that up to 800 veterans will be identified. The number will become better understood as regional and local organizations are canvassed.

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



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be measured?

The outcome will be a more complete identification of the state's total veteran population and their needs. The measurement will be the increased number of veterans "discovered". Another outcome will be the creation of a network with increasing participation of regional and local Veterans Services Organizations.

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?

Funding will stopped and the program will be discontinued.

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.

None



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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