

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2969

1. Project Title	Forever Warriors Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor Jay Trumbull

3. Date of Request 01/04/2024

4. Project/Program Description

The funding requested is to be aimed at supporting various aspects of military life and community engagement in the areas of and surrounding Hurlburt, Duke Field, 6th Ranger Training Battalion, 7th Group, and Eglin. The initiatives covered are diverse and address several key areas: Recruitment and Retention Resiliency and Well-Being Support Reintegration Support Services Onsite Activations Inside Military Bases/Posts in Collaboration with FSS (Force Support Squadron) & MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) Community Exploration and Engagement Family and Spousal Support Programs

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Veterans' Affairs

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

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.



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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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

Construction

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

	O Planning	🔘 Design	Construction
b	. Is the project	"shovel ready"	(i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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

13. 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	Two (2) Part-time Coordinators will work with communities, military installations, VSOs, and other organizations and events to develop partnerships and collaborations; additionally, will be responsible for vetting the requested needs of active duty, guard/reservists and military families. \$25/hr x 20 hrs x 52 weeks a year plus anticipated taxes and fringe benefits.	57,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Recruitment and Retention: \$35,000 Resiliency and Well-Being Support: \$40,000 Reintegration Support Services \$25,000 Onsite Activations Activities \$20,000 Community Exploration & Engagement \$18,000 Family/Spousal Support Programs \$25,000 Travel, Marketing Materials & Event Branding \$30,000	193,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (mi	ust equal total from question #6)	250,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goals below collectively aim to create a supportive, engaging, and resilient military community that is well-integrated with the local civilian population, thereby fostering a positive environment for both military personnel and the communities in which they serve.

Enhance Military-Community Integration Improve Recruitment and Retention

Support Military Resilience

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

Conduct career development workshops and seminars for skill enhancement and professional growth with community partners.

Organize stress management and wellness programs, including fitness classes and mindfulness sessions.

Host reintegration workshops to assist military personnel transitioning back to civilian life.

Plan and execute onsite recreational and cultural events within the military base/post.

Collaborate with local businesses for special offers or events for military families.

Host family days, sports tournaments, and community engagement activities.

Arrange guided tours to local attractions, historical sites, and cultural landmarks.

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

Counseling and Mental Health Services Career Development and Job Placement Services Wellness and Fitness Programs Community Integration and Cultural Engagement Activities Recreational and Social Activities Peer Support and Networking Groups

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

Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Service Members and their Families Expecting to support over 250 Service Members and their families per month, 3,000 per year.

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

be measured?

Enhanced Quality of Life for Military Personnel and Families:

Improved mental and physical well-being, stronger family relationships, and better work-life balance.

Measurement Methodology: Conduct feedback sessions to assess satisfaction levels, mental health status, and overall well-being of military personnel and their families.

Strengthened Community and Military Relations:

Improved mutual understanding, cooperation, and integration between the military and local communities.

Measurement Methodology: Track participation in community-military events, gather feedback from community members.

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?

Reduced funding based on percentage of deliverables unmet.

15. Requester Contact Information

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