



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2012

1. Project Title National Association of Veterans and Families (NAVF) Florida Senior Veterans in Crisis Fund

2. Senate Sponsor Jennifer Bradley

3. Date of Request 2/9/2025

4. Project/Program Description

NAVF empowers Florida's senior wartime veterans by securing VA Pension Plus Aid & Attendance benefits, ensuring access to safe care, preventing Medicaid dependence and homelessness, and easing burdens on families and the state. Our mission begins with educating veterans and families on their earned benefits and extends to expertly guiding them through the complex application process to prevent delays or denials. With Florida home to 719,000 senior veterans—and 31,000 more arriving annually—this vital assistance preserves dignity, improves quality of life for our veterans, and protects state resources.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Veterans' Affairs

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	593,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	593,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	593,000	94%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	40,121	6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	633,121	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	140,000	602	Yes

9. Is future-year 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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director Salary	120,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Retain 1 Claims Officer and hire 2 more. Claims Officers work 1-on-1 with Florida's Senior Wartime Veterans, serving as advocates for Veterans and families. They gather military records, financial, and medical documentation to ensure eligibility and submit claims accurately per VA requirements.	137,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expand and upgrade our office network with 4 new computers, including 1 travel-ready laptop for seminars. Enhance our cybersecurity systems to safeguard Senior Veterans' private information and ensure full compliance with HIPAA regulations.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Part-time Accounting Consultant.	25,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Hire a Marketing Director to increase donations and grants. Add a Community Liaison/Speaker to educate Wartime Veterans and families on VA Pension Plus Aid & Attendance benefits. Partner with care facilities to reach Veterans in need.	210,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cover travel expenses for the Marketing Director and Community Liaison/Seminar Speaker, plus equipment, printing, and supplies for statewide seminars. Plan includes 50 seminars in 2025.	45,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Engage outside consultants for advanced computer network security enhancements.	36,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		593,000



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13. Program Performance

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

Expand NAVF's outreach and assistance programs to ensure Florida's growing senior veteran population secures VA Pension Plus Aid & Attendance benefits. By hosting educational seminars and providing expert guidance through the complex application process, NAVF will help veterans access safe care, avoid Medicaid reliance and homelessness, and reduce burdens on families and state resources.

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

In 2025, NAVF will host 50 educational seminars across Florida to inform senior Veteran communities about their VA benefits. NAVF will provide 130 one-on-one counseling sessions to guide veterans & their families through the process. Leveraging its expertise, NAVF helps veterans navigate complex VA Pension Plus Aid & Attendance applications, ensuring Sr. Veterans receive the financial support for assisted living & other protected care facilities.

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

NAVF educates veterans through in-person and Zoom seminars while helping senior veterans and spouses secure VA benefits. Our experts assess eligibility, gather documentation, and prepare detailed VA claims—50-60 pages each—at no cost. If issues arise, we work directly with the VA. With Florida's growing veteran population, we plan to host 50 seminars, hold 130 counseling sessions, handle 4,000+ calls, and submit completed claims.

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

Florida has 719,000 senior veterans, with 31,000 more relocating annually. This vital assistance helps eligible veterans secure financial support, access safe care resources, and receive dignified support that enhances their quality of life while conserving state resources.

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

The expected benefit to the veteran or spouse is the ability to access additional funds to select the level of care they require, without the need for a nursing home or reliance on Medicaid. This funding comes from the federal government, not from Florida state resources. It is a win-win for the state, the veteran, and the qualified wartime veterans who are promised these benefits by the federal government for their service.

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 in the contract?

Loss of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

☐ Yes, Applied

☐ Yes, Received

☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.