



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1006

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

DAV, Chapter 32 is the oldest and most active chapter in Brevard County ranking 6th largest among Florida's 67 counties. Our Chapter has been supporting veterans and families since 1947. With over 2,100 current members and growing a service catchment of 65,900 veterans including spouses & dependents approx.150,000, yet our building built in 1961 accommodates only 25 people safely. We seek funds to construct an accessible, modern facility at 2265 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL, including new offices, a commercial kitchen, meeting spaces, and monument area upgrades. Services supported: all core DAV programs, medical transportation, job fairs, legislative resolutions, special event dinners, bingo, community volunteer programs, outreach, and local meeting, event's, rentals to other veteran organizations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,200,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/01/2027

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

Annual fundraising, membership dues, special event proceeds, and facility rental fees. No future state operational funds requested.

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.

Recipient Contact Information:
Organization: Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 32
Municipality/County: Melbourne, Brevard County
Organization Type: Non-Profit 501(c)(4)
DAV Chapter 32, Commander Rodney Deflumeri

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	All Volunteers at Disabled American Veterans J.L Golightly, Chapter 32	0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	All Volunteers at Disabled American Veterans J.L Golightly, Chapter 32	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	• Land/Planning: \$100,000 • Construction/Renovation: \$907,100 • Engineering: \$50,000 • Administrative costs: \$50,000 • Equipment/Supplies: \$92,900	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

13. Program Performance



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

Build a modern, fully accessible DAV facility to double service capacity, reduce waiting times, host all core programs (claims, counseling, volunteer, job fair, transport, resolutions), and provide space for community events and allied veteran group use.

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

VA claims assistance, medical transportation, outreach, counseling, job fairs, legislative resolution work, volunteer programs, special events, bingo, meeting/event rental to VFW/American Legion/etc.

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

Claims counseling, medical transport, job search, transition support, legislative advocacy, referrals, social events.

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

65,900 veterans, including 150,000 spouses and dependents just in Brevard County; expected to serve over 2,100 members a year directly and reach thousands more through outreach.

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

Track increase in people assisted, reduced waitlists, event attendance, annual survey data, resolution output, and program statistics pre- vs. post-construction.

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?

Withhold grant funds, require corrective action plan, if contract deliverables not achieved.

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
- ☐ 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:



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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
- ☐ 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



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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.