



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1327

1. Project Title Early Warning Cancer Detection for Florida Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits and Toxins

2. Senate Sponsor Stan McClain

3. Date of Request 11/20/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The Vet Resource Center will provide free early warning cancer detection for all Florida veterans exposed to burn pits and toxins using the Galleri test that detects 50 plus different types of cancer as early as stage 1. We track the progress of each test and help the veterans receive any needed cancer treatment. Currently, we provide this test at no cost to veterans that reside in Marion County through grants. We are the only nonprofit in the country that provides this test for our veterans. The Vet Resource Center is a 100% volunteer board. No one accepts a salary. We 100% support our veterans!

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	700,000	32%
Other	750,000	34%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 750,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Grants from Marion County Commissioners and Marion County Hospital District to continue the program.



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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	Our board is 100% volunteer, including our lobbyist who is assisting us through this process. All funding goes to help the veterans or marketing so that the veterans are aware of the test.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Printing materials and advertising to locate and recruit Florida veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins so that we can give them a free Galleri early warning cancer detection test to catch over 50 plus different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1,100 Grail Galleri early warning cancer detection tests for Florida veterans exposed to Burn Pits and Toxins while in service of our Country. We give the Galleri test free to these Florida veterans to catch over 50 plus different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2. Matching local and in kind donations will allow a total of 2,500 Florida veterans to receive the early detection cancer test.	725,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Early warning cancer detection tests for veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins. The Galleri test can detect over 50 different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2.

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

We provide the marketing and advertising of our early warning cancer detection program in order to identify and recruit Florida veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins. We verify the veteran's status, register the veteran for the Galleri blood test and pay for the Galleri early warning cancer detection test. We track the progress of each test and help the veteran receive any needed cancer treatment.

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

1,100 Grail Galleri early warning cancer detection tests for Florida veterans exposed to Burn Pits and Toxins while in service of our Country. We give the Galleri test free to these Florida veterans to catch over 50 plus different types of cancer at stage 1 or stage 2. Matching local and in kind donations will allow a total of 2,500 Florida veterans to receive the early detection cancer test.

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

Over 2,500 Florida Veterans that have been exposed to burn pits and toxins will be tested for cancer by receiving the Galleri early warning cancer detection test for free.

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

Florida veterans have to deal everyday with the fear that they will be hit with the ravages of cancer from their exposure to burn pits and toxins during their service to our country. Learning that they have no indications of cancer or catching cancer at early stages releases this constant strain on the mental health of these veterans. The testing improves the veteran's economic self sufficiency. The cost of early detected cancer treatment is over 10 times less expensive than in stage 3 or stage 4 and improves the use of Florida medical facilities because treating advanced cancer requires the use of many times more medical resources than the treatment provided when a cancer is detected early. Also, early detection usually allows the Florida veteran to continue to work whereas late stage cancer normally means the veteran has to quit his job and the employer has to bear the expense of their replacement.

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?

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

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



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☐ 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

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name



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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.