



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1960

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Forgotten Coast K9 is committed to ending veteran and first responder suicide through the use of service dogs. This funding will be used to complete construction of the area's first service dog training facility for veterans and first responders. This will allow us to train dogs and provide mental health care in a safe and comfortable environment.

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 | 36,740 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 423,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 459,740 |

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) | 459,740 | 47% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 400,000 | 41% |
| Other | 122,000 | 12% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 981,740 | 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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?

01/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/30/2027

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

Private and corporate donations will continue to fund operations for the facility.

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.

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12. 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 | lodging/meals/fuel during the initial phases of construction | 18,240 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | IT system equipment design and installation, monthly maintenance | 18,500 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Building, concrete, RV pads, RV hookups, electrical, plumbing infrastructure | 423,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 459,740 |

13. Program Performance

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

Forgotten Coast K9 is committed to ending veteran and first responder suicide through the use of service dogs. This funding will be used to complete construction of the area's first service dog training facility for veterans and first responders. This will allow us to train dogs and provide mental health care in a safe and comfortable environment.

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

Funds will be used for the construction of our training facility, offices, and student housing. The funds will also provide for all permitting, engineering and design, construction oversight.

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



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Our program is a 26-30 week program. We provide the dog and all training and equipment needed to make a successful partnership between student and dog. There will also be a mental health consultant available to the students while on campus.

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

Veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and other ailments due to their service. We hope to serve in excess of 800 persons during our tenure at this location.

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

We expect to reduce suicidal ideation among our students, along with reduced substance abuse.

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?

In the event Forgotten Coast K9 fails to meet the contractual deliverables, the financial consequences would be that overseeing agency would hold funding until compliance is 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:

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

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No



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☐ 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

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.