

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: K9s For Warriors
2. Date of Submission: 11/07/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Nicholas Duran
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		500,000	500,000		612,271	612,271

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? Yes
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Veterans' Affairs
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

In the event K9s For Warriors fails to meet the contractual deliverables, the financial consequences would be that FDVA recover its actual administrative costs attributable to the failure or delay. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the FDVA estimated the daily costs of the financial consequences to be \$68.49.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Rory Diamond
- b. Organization: K9s For Warriors
- c. Email: rory@k9sforwarriors.org
- d. Phone #: (904)686-1956

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Patricia Dodson
- b. Organization: K9s For Warriors
- c. Email: patty@k9sforwarriors.org
- d. Phone #: (904)686-1956

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: K9s For Warriors, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): St. Johns
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government

- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

To provide acquired dogs with clean and safe kennel housing, temperament testing, veterinary care, food and water, and training to become a certified Service Dog for twenty (25) Florida-based veterans who graduate from K9s For Warriors 3-week in-house training program to help mitigate the effects of their Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and help prevent veteran suicide.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for kennel staff and warrior operations staff (\$7,025.59 per team x 25 teams = \$175,639.75)	175,640
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Service dogs: acquisition, veterinarian care, transportation, food & supplies, off-site training; Warrior training program: trainers' gear, screening/processing, meals, warriors' gear, supplies, transportation, office and facilities;	436,631

	Education (\$17,465.23 x 25 teams = \$436630.75)	
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		612,271

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

For additional expressions of support, see the personal testimonials on the K9s For Warriors' website, www.k9sforwarriors.org, and the K9s For Warriors' Facebook page.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

9s For Warriors has partnered with Purdue University and HABRI Foundation (Human Animal Bond Research Initiative) to conduct studies which scientifically evaluate the therapeutic efficacy of K9s For Warriors' Service Dogs on the mental health and wellness of military veterans suffering from PTSD. Please see attached studies published in Psychoneuroendocrinology, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, and Frontiers in Veterinary Science. Additional studies are forthcoming.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

These funds will help us acquire, screen, and train dogs to become Service Dogs for twenty (25) Florida-based veterans and cover all costs associated with the three-week, in-house training for the veterans. For 2019, it cost approximately \$24,490.82 for each warrior/Service Dog team to graduate from our program. Our warriors pay nothing out of pocket when they come through our program.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Receiving an ADI-certified Service Dog and the associated handler training, disability and public access law education, daily living and coping skills, human and animal bonding, community re-integration, and 3 weeks of housing and meals during on-site training.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)

- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): The primary population served by our program are post-9/11 veterans diagnosed with PTSD, Traumatic B

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Clinically significant reduction in PTSD symptoms from baseline following receipt of Service Dog, but not while receiving usual care alone	Controlled scientific study (Purdue) - cross sectional and longitudinal assessments comparing a single time point across wait list for Service Dog; previous and current standardized PTSD assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	612,271	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d,	0	0.0%	No

Column F)			
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	612,271	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No