

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Ramon Alexander
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? 2018-19
- 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:					280,000	280,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Veterans' Affairs
 - 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.
Pro rata reduction in funding, requiring reduction in 4th quarter funding

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Dan Hendrickson
- b. Organization: Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative
- c. Email: danhendrickson@comcast.net
- d. Phone #: (850)570-1967

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

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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: Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Leon
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla

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?

Legal services for Veterans, especially homeless and at-risk veterans and their families, through advice and referrals clinics, including both civil and criminal issues, especially assisting with reinstatement of driver's licenses and other administrative matters.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Coordinator, Managing Attorney (1 part time)	65,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Part-Time Administrative Assistance	25,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, Insurance	12,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting	12,000
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Paralegal and Case Manager (2 Employees Equivalency, Advocacy and Coordination of community service by Veterans for converted fees and costs, research and filing petitions, etc.)	80,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, Travel, Driver's License Assistance	36,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Family Law Services for Indigent Veterans	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		

<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		280,000

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:

Ongoing support and donations from area Veterans organizations, Veterans, Legal organizations, Local Governments, 2D Circuit State Attorney, Public Defender and Judiciary.

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

No

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?

Legal Intakes, Research, Referrals, Advocacy, Direct Legal Representation when appropriate, Coordination of community services by individuals to meet court and other obligations.

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

Direct help in tracking down documents, removing obstacles to driver's license reinstatement, housing and one-to-one consultations and even direct representation when appropriate; advocacy to various agencies; supervision and coordination of court-ordered community service and fees/fines conversions.

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): Veterans and their families.

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	VA and other linkages for 20 Veterans	Coordinate with VA and other agencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	20 Veterans will seek, enroll or receive treatment; Dozens will receive relief/ anxiety/depression from legal pressures some longstanding and from around the country	Coordinate with VA and other agencies and organizations and follow-up reviews
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Provide opportunity for 50 students from FSU College of Law to work with area attorneys on pro bono cases and advice and referral clinics	Collaborate with College of Law and Veteran Law Students Organization for evaluation of pro bono experiences.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	50 Veterans will seek to reinstate their driver's licenses or seek jobs or benefits for their families	Case Management and Community Service Coordination including collaborating agencies and organizations, 2D Judicial Circuit, Veteran Mentors, Career Source, etc.

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	30 Veterans will get jobs or benefits or modification of child support, etc.	Coordinate with VA, Career Source and other agencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	20 High risk veterans will decrease recidivism, including suicide intervention for more than a dozen veterans.	Coordinate with public defender's and state attorney's offices and court systems VA justice outreach specialists.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	10 Veterans will seek treatment, suicide prevention for more than a dozen; relief from legal pressures for dozens.	Coordinate with VA and other agencies and follow-up review
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	10 Veterans will be diverted	Coordinate with VA Justice Outreach State Attorneys Office, Veteran Treatment Court, etc.
<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:	280,000	48.3%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	50,000	8.6%	No
5. Other:	250,000	43.1%	No
TOTAL	580,000	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M

○>10M