

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: K9 Partners for Patriots - Training Facility
2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Amber Mariano  
Members Copied:

### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No  
***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?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					900,000	900,000

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? Yes
  - 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 K9 Partners for Patriots fails to meet the contractual time line deliverables, the financial consequences would be to refund any unused monies

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Edward DeSantis
- b. Organization: K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.
- c. Email: ed-desantis@k9partnersforpatriots.com
- d. Phone #: (813)748-3388

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: Carole Duncanson
- b. Firm: CLD & Associates, LLC
- c. Email: carolecl@aol.com
- d. Phone #: (954)240-3110

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Pasco
- 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?

A larger training facility will increase the number of veterans receiving the assistance they need throughout the State. We want to expand our reach to others outside our Demographic Market Area, including the Under-served. Our costs are lower than other certified service dog training orgs, <\$10k per dog as we save dogs from kill shelters. By not having large overhead costs of breeding and housing dogs, we provide a higher # of veterans served per year, increasing our Return On Investment.

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 type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants to assist with site survey(s) and architects to develop drawings for building	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction for ~20,000 sq. ft. building to house a service dog training program for veterans and	850,000

	service members to include staff offices, conference/board room, training area for dogs, bathrooms, scenario rooms, storage rooms built to Pasco county codes. Additional structure to include an outdoor covered space to hold aftercare events designed to reinforce the benefits of the training program, fenced in Dog Park and sufficient parking.	
TOTAL		900,000

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:

K9P4P has congressional support for our program as well as Federal support from the US Government, DoD via grant funding for the last five (5) years. Further, we are participating with the FDVA and USF in HB 1518, Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans, signed by the

governor on 6/26/19. We are providing independent research and evidence supporting the endorsement and use of service dog training programs as an effective complementary or alternative treatment for veterans w/ PTSD.

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:

The results of our training program have been independently assessed and evaluated by PhD, LCSW Professors at both St. Leo University and the University of Central Florida with over four (4) years of empirical data. Using the industry standard Trauma Symptom Inventory (TSI-2), a Psychological evaluation/assessment instrument that taps symptoms of Post-traumatic stress disorder we have data from over 140 K9 Partners for Patriots program participant graduates proving the success of our program.

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?

Our program includes a complete 19 week service dog training program that includes the acquisition of a dog, service vest, crate and car harness, certification record, patches and all equipment necessary at no charge to the service member or veteran. Life skills are also taught for those striving to get back into the workforce or other endeavors after graduation.

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

Direct services include veteran/K9 training, lifetime support to all vets & their K9's & families, quarterly aftercare events for vets and families, free counseling by on-site Licensed Clinical Social Worker for private, co-ed, spousal & female vet group counseling, life skills to assist vets with laws pertaining to them & their service dog, training in real-life scenario rooms to prepare for public outing & recertification requirements for all graduate vets for 5 years after graduation.

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 & Active Service with PTSD, TBI &/or MST from all eras.

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 type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	The outcome for program veterans that have graduated from our program for after receiving and training their own service dog is a statistically significant improvement in the pretest scores and posttest scores of all survey clinical scales in the TSI-2 testing that is performed. This has allowed them to become	The results of our training program have been independently researched and evaluated by PhD, LCSW Professors at both St. Leo University and the University of Central Florida with over four (4) years of empirical data. Using the industry standard Trauma Symptom Inventory (TSI-2), a Psychological

	productive members of their communities as they transition from a life of isolation to one of socialization.	evaluation/assessment instrument that taps symptoms of Posttraumatic stress disorder we have data from over 100 K9 Partners for Patriots program participant graduates.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	For those seeking but unable to hold a job because of their inability to leave their home, a certified service dog will allow them employment opportunities.	Gainful employment will serve as the measure of success should the veteran choose this path.
<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:	900,000	74.1%	N/A
2. Federal:	125,000	10.3%	Yes
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	165,000	13.6%	Yes
5. Other:	25,000	2.1%	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

No