

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Pawsitive Love Foundation - Teens Training Service Dogs for Veterans

2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Mel Ponder

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### 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<br>for FY 2017-18<br>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the<br>appropriated amount, even if vetoed.) |                                     |  | Develop New Funds Request<br>for FY 2018-19<br>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.) |                                 |  |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Column:               | A   | B                                   | C  | D  | E                               | F  |
| Funds<br>Description: | Prior Year<br>Recurring<br>Funds  | Prior Year<br>Nonrecurring<br>Funds | Total Funds<br>Appropriated<br><br>(Recurring plus<br>Nonrecurring:<br>column A + column<br>B) | Recurring Base<br>Budget<br><br>(Will equal non-<br>vetoed amounts<br>provided in Column<br>A)           | Additional Nonrecurring Request | TOTAL Nonrecurring plus<br>Recurring Base Funds<br><br>(Will equal the amount<br>from the Recurring base in<br>Column D plus the<br>Additional Nonrecurring<br>Request in Column E.) |
| Input<br>Amounts:     |   |                                     |  |  | 150,000                         | 150,000  |

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? 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.

For most invoiced deliverables, payment is made C.O.D. There is a personal guarantee that is signed and filed with each vendor to ensure payment and hold me personally accountable.

For deliverables/performance measures to the state, and to the Veteran: the dogs must meet and pass extensive testing with their handler. If a dog cannot meet these requirements, a different dog would be selected. Should a dog pass all testing and be placed, and need follow up training with our facility for failure to

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Steven Kotowske
- b. Organization: Pawsitive Love Foundation, Inc.
- c. Email: partners@pawsitivelovefoundation.org
- d. Phone #: (850)685-5278

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: Pawsitive Love Foundation, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Walton
- 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?

Procurement, Boarding, Training, Placement of Service Dogs for Veterans

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

| Spending Category   | Description   | Nonrecurring<br>(Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?0? if<br>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other  | Office supplies for program guides, training guides, applications, ID printer, laser printer, binders, ink, paper, website fees   | 2,880  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study               |   |  |
| Operational Costs:  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits                               |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Dog Procurement, Dog Travel/Transport - including kennel inspections and dog evaluations by evaluator, Other Travel Expenses including Airfare/Meals/Vehicle Allowance, Veterinary Expenses, Boarding, Handler Equipment (vest, | 104,620  |

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|---|---|---------|
|   | harness, collars, leash), Travel for Veterans including hotel and food allowance, |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study  | Obedience training, individualized task training, training consultant             | 42,500  |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:                                  |   |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering |   |         |
| TOTAL   |   | 150,000 |

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)

N/A

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?

No

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?

College bound and at-risk high school students needing volunteer hours will be awarded hours for participation in training of Service Dogs for Veterans

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

Trained Service Dogs will be given to wounded Veterans to assist with PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Mobility issues at no cost to the Veteran, along with continued support 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): Military Veterans

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                    | Veterans with a Service Dog are shown to have less depression, increased cognitive response, and a general sense of well being because the dog not only comforts them, but also helps calm them when faced with ordinary tasks that have become difficult to accomplish. This might include going to the grocery store, doctor appointments, or the local coffee shop. comforts them, but also helps calm them when faced with ordinary tasks that have become difficult to | It is widely known that 22 Veterans commit suicide each day across the US. I think the method for measuring would be to see that number go down in our state. We can also see Veterans in our everyday lives, doing things we consider normal. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience               | By giving high school students an opportunity to better understand the community that surrounds them, we can teach them about respect for others, and for themselves. Increased volunteer participation would be a great way to measure the benefit.  | We can measure this based on each school that we bring into the program after a period of 3 full years   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education             | Real life experiences from a 3rd party often times lead high school students to make better decisions. Increased graduation rates would be a great way to measure the program benefits  | Comparisons of graduation rates of at-risk teens at the individual school level would be an easy way to measure benefit  |

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|---|---|---|
| <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   | Some disabled Veterans could actually work if they had a Service Dog that would help them with PTSD and TBI stress                                    | Compare current unemployment numbers for disabled Veterans to future numbers                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse   |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system              | At-Risk teens will have an experience in helping others. Less occurrence of crime would be a benefit of learning to help others versus harming others | Compare current rates of teen crime to future levels. School grades should also improve over time |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Community                        | The entire community is affected by   | Families are kept whole. This is  |

|                                 |   |                               |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Awareness/Prevention of Suicide | suicide of our Veterans. Families are left without parents, income is lost, and children of suicide are more likely to struggle in life | measurement is self described |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 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: | 150,000 | 81.1%            | 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:  | 35,000  | 18.9%            | No  |
| 5. Other:  | 0       | 0.0%             | No  |
| TOTAL  | 185,000 | 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 2018-19 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