

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: K9's for Warriors
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Bryan Avila
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? 2017-18
- 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 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <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:		50,000	50,000		600,000	600,000

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.

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 2017-2018, the FDVA estimated the daily costs of the financial consequences to be \$36.63.

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 M. 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: Monica Rodriguez
- b. Firm: Ballard Partners
- c. Email: monica@ballardfl.com
- d. Phone #: (850)577-0444

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: K9s for Warriors
- 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?

The requested funds will be spent on pairing 23 Florida-based veterans with a service dog to help mitigate their symptoms of post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury or sexual trauma resulting from military service. Ultimately, our goal is to empower these American Heroes to return to their civilian lives with dignity and independence.

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	Executive Director and President salary and benefits	49,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Human Resources, Finance and other office personnel	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Overhead, travel office expense	36,961
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for kennel staf and warrior operations staff	214,539
<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 ;	110,000

	Transportation, office and facilities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Education and sponsorship	139,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		600,000

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?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

For other expressions of support, see personal testimonials on K9s for Warriors website, www.k9forwarriors.org, Facebook page and the results literature attached hereto.

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:

K9s for Warriors has partnered with Purdue University and HABRI foundation to conduct a study which scientifically evaluates the therapeutic efficacy of K9s for Warriors service dogs on the mental health and wellness of military veterans suffering from PTSD. Preliminary results are promising, initial evidence supports the efficacy of K9s for Warriors service dogs for military veterans with PTSD.

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 that were once abandoned in shelters to become service dogs for 23 Florida-based veterans and cover all costs associated with the 3 week, in-house training for veterans.

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

Will provide 23 Florida-based veterans with service dogs.

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): Post 9/11 veterans diagnosed with PTSD.

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

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

O>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	See answer to 16 above.	Self-reporting measures meeting rigorous scientific research methodology and standards.
<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 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:	600,000	100.0%	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:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	600,000	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