

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Northwest Florida State College-Veterans Success Center

2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Mel Ponder

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 2017-18 (If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.) | | | Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.) | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Column: | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds | Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B) | Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A) | Additional Nonrecurring Request | TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.) |
| Input Amounts: | | | | | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |

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 Education

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.

The Department may terminate the agreement at any time in the event of the failure of the College to fulfill any of its obligations under the agreement

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Dr. Devin Stephenson
- b. Organization: Northwest Florida State College
- c. Email: dstephenson@nwfsc.edu
- d. Phone #: (850)729-5360

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

- a. Name: Cristie Kedroski
- b. Organization: Northwest Florida State College
- c. Email: kedroski@nwfsc.edu
- d. Phone #: (850)729-5357

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

- a. Name: David Ramba
- b. Firm: Ramba Law Firm
- c. Email: david@rambaconsulting.com
- d. Phone #: (850)727-7087

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Northwest Florida State College
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Okaloosa
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Okaloosa, Walton

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?

Funds will be utilized to establish Northwest Florida State College's Veterans Success Center. The Center will provide expanded, high-quality support services to military veterans, service members, dependents and stakeholders. It will assist the College in furthering its commitment to meet the unique needs of our military service members and their families. NWF State College had almost four times the Florida College System average of students receiving Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits in 2014-15.

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 | Positions would include a lead military specialist, navigators/advisors, dedicated military transcript specialist, disability support specialist to serve unique needs of military personnel | 500,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Technology, equipment, furniture/fixtures to accommodate for special needs of veteran population | 1,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |

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| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Build-out of tranquility (peace) lounge, technology center, and private study area for Veterans Success Center | 500,000 |
| TOTAL | | 2,000,000 |

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:

Florida Veterans Foundation, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have all issued statements of support for this project

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 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) of the US Department of Education

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?

The Veterans Success Center will provide high-quality support services to military veterans, service members, dependents and stakeholders. It will assist Northwest Florida State College in furthering its commitment to meet the unique needs of our military service members and their families

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

Assist service members with their transition to a collegiate experience with reserved veteran/military area; help veterans achieve academic success with a dedicated navigator/advisor and career placement specialist; expand military specific resources to assist with transcript evaluation, VA certifications & Tuition assistance processing; provide training opportunities for job placement and personal development.

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 | successful educational and career outcomes for veterans | number of Veterans placed into the workforce or continuing their education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education | increased number of veterans, active duty, and military dependents successfully completing a certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree | count of veterans, active duty, and military dependents served by the Veterans Success Center |
| <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 | | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity | attainment of a job with a sustainable family wage | number of Veterans placed into the workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency | attainment of a job with a sustainable family wage | number of Veterans placed into the workforce |
| <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: | 2,000,000 | 90.8% | N/A |
| 2. Federal: | 0 | 0.0% | No |

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|---|-----------|------|-----|
| 3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F) | 0 | 0.0% | No |
| 4. Local: | 201,604 | 9.2% | Yes |
| 5. Other: | 0 | 0.0% | No |
| TOTAL | 2,201,604 | 100% | |

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

No