**2016-2017 Budget Request Form**

1. A title of the budget issue

**Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library**

1. The date of submission

**9/25/2015**

1. The following detail of recent funding history:
   1. The most recent year in which the issue received an appropriation from the state budget:

**None**

* 1. If applicable, how much funding was appropriated in FY 2015-16?

**NA**

* 1. Of the funds appropriated in FY 2015-16, how much of the appropriation was recurring?

**NA**

* 1. If there was an appropriation in the FY 2015-16 state budget, was it vetoed?

**NA**

1. The following detail regarding the funding request for FY 2016-17:
   1. Whether it is for Fixed Capital Outlay, other one-time costs or operating expenses?

**One time costs and operating expenses.**

* 1. How much of the funding request is for non-recurring funds?

**100%, or $1,000,000**

* 1. How much of the funding request is for recurring funds? If recurring funds are requested, please note only the recurring funds requested in addition to any recurring funds appropriated in FY 2015-6.

**None**

* 1. Detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. Include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, etc.).

**The mission of the museum is to honor our soldiers, preserve military history and to educate today’s and future generations the true meaning of military service and sacrifice. Our team is made up of both veterans  and civilians who volunteer over 4,000 hours per month.**

**The requested appropriations will be spent on the Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry County veterans population (approximately 300,000) assisting veterans with appointments; providing counseling and referrals to veterans and advocate for those who need support; providing benefit assistance; preserving and displaying significant military artifacts; and planning and design for a new facility to support veteran’s services and to educate the public and future generations about our nation's military heritage.**

* 1. A description of matching funds expected from other sources (federal, state, or local)
* **Volunteer hours by staff for 12 months**
* **Outside and special events Avg. 1,200 hrs**

**In kind services**:

* **Free weekly lunches for area veterans**
* **Special annual community dinners: Thanksgiving & Christmas**
* **Free museum access to visitors**
* **Traveling Museum exhibits to local schools**
* **Veterans Counseling services provided by the Foundation’s certified VSO’s**
* **Relocating and transporting Veterans**

Whether the issue will require future state appropriations beyond the 2016-17 Fiscal Year? If so, please detail future year funding implications.

**NO**

* 1. Contact names and numbers for further information

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* 1. The name of the organization receiving the funds

**Invest in America's Veterans Foundation, Inc.**