

ABOUT VETERANS FLORIDA

Veterans Florida was established by the Florida Legislature in 2014 as part of the Florida GI Bill to serve as an innovative corporation to encourage recently retired or separated military personnel to make Florida their permanent residence. The 501c(3) corporation will reinforce Florida's standing as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation by helping veterans to bring or develop the skills needed by Florida businesses to the state. The board of directors is comprised of nine individuals from across the state.



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**THEY SERVED OUR COUNTRY.
NOW THEY'RE READY TO WORK FOR YOU.**
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**FLORIDA VETS BUSINESS
TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM**

*A state-funded program for
qualifying businesses*



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Increase the competitiveness of your Florida-based business by hiring and training veterans in our state.

The Florida VETS Training Grants Program provides grant funding to qualifying businesses for existing or customized educational programs, through partial reimbursement to businesses hiring and training veterans.

FL VETS BUSINESS TRAINING GRANTS

- ★ Are performance-based reimbursable grants
- ★ Cover a 24-month maximum term
- ★ Businesses are reimbursed for 50% of training cost up to \$8,000 per new, full-time veteran employee
- ★ Training can be completed in-house or through a third-party training provider



TO QUALIFY FOR A FL VETS BUSINESS TRAINING GRANT, THE FLORIDA BUSINESS:

- ★ Must demonstrate a need for customized skills, degree- or certificate-based training of up to 24 months for new veteran employees.
- ★ Is ideally in a targeted Florida industry—which is typically high-skill.

QUARTERLY REIMBURSEMENTS

The business pays for the approved direct training, degree or certificate education program and is reimbursed quarterly by Veterans Florida upon training completion and submission of required documentation.



Veterans Florida has partnered with training institutions across the state to help process grant applications.

Florida businesses therefore have the opportunity to work face-to-face with a training institution representative in their local community.

Businesses interested in a VETS Business Training Grant should request an application through the Veterans Florida website at: www.veteransflorida.org/grant.

Our organization or a state educational representative will help your business apply for, meet reporting requirements of and obtain grant reimbursements.

FLORIDA WORKS FOR VETERANS

Florida **ranks #2 for “best state for business”** and is a leader in high growth sectors such as aerospace, manufacturing, logistics, research and development, and technology.

2,000 aerospace and aviation companies innovate and manufacture in Florida. They employ 87,000 employees with a total payroll of \$5.5 billion paying an **average wage of \$63,303**.

Florida's high tech economy includes **over 750,000 defense related jobs**.



1st for aviation/aerospace manufacturing workforce.

2nd for space and defense systems manufacturing, aerospace and products and parts manufacturing, and logistics infrastructure.



3rd for high-tech establishments and pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing businesses.

5th for highest number of logistics & distribution jobs.



Source: Enterprise Florida