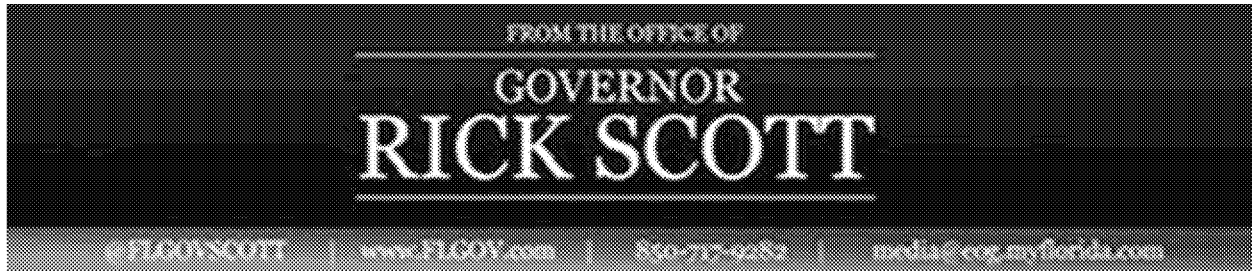


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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On Monday, Governor Rick Scott announced his proposal for \$178 million in total funding to support active military, veterans and their families in Florida as part of his 2018-2019 recommended budget. He also announced his support for a proposal being considered by the Constitution Revision Commission to provide free tuition to the families of fallen first responders, state law enforcement officers and military members who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Governor Scott's \$178 million investment for Florida's active military, veterans and their families includes:

- \$200,000 for search and rescue vessels and protective equipment for our National Guardsmen to use during deployment;
- Nearly \$8 million to begin operations at the Lake Baldwin State Veteran Nursing Home, which will allow this facility to serve more than 110 veterans in the coming year;
- \$2 million for Building Homes for Heroes to build and modify homes for veterans who were severely injured while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan;
- \$2 million for the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which helps support our military and defense communities and the many families who rely on them; and
- \$2.7 million to support veterans looking to obtain employment, start their own businesses and make Florida their home, including \$1 million for Veterans Florida to continue their mission of helping veterans find great jobs at Florida businesses.

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