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## NEWS

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### **GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE JOB ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES**

*The Able Trust to award up to \$60,000 to boost employment opportunities for Florida veterans with disabilities.*

- **Governor Charlie Crist proclaims November as "Hire A Veterans Month"**.  
[http://www.floridajobs.org/publications/news\\_rel/gov\\_vets\\_proclamation.pdf](http://www.floridajobs.org/publications/news_rel/gov_vets_proclamation.pdf)
- In 2006, the national employment rate for returning veterans was 3.8 percent.
- For more information, visit [www.abletrust.org](http://www.abletrust.org)

This year, Governor Charlie Crist proclaimed November as *Hire a Veteran Month*. With more than 1.8 million veterans living in Florida and an increase in the number of returning veterans each year, it is imperative that organizations and communities establish a greater number of employment opportunities for veterans and veterans with disabilities.

The Able Trust, a non-profit public-private partnership foundation serving individuals with

disabilities, is joining the cause to create better employment opportunities for veterans with disabilities. The Able Trust is also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities.

The Able Trust has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP #08-5) aimed at existing Florida not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations, associations and agencies that provide Florida Citizens with Disabilities with employment related services. The purpose of the RFP is to provide funding for a project(s) to create employment opportunities for Florida residents that are veterans of a branch of the United States Military Service and have a disability in gaining competitive employment in the community.

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Established Florida not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations are eligible to submit a proposal which outlines a project that will lead to competitive employment for veterans with disabilities.

The Able Trust will award up to \$60,000 to one or two not-for-profit agencies throughout Florida. It is anticipated that one or two projects will be funded for a one-or-two-year grant period. Projects should serve a minimum of 25 individuals and result in an 80 percent community employment outcome.

A complete copy of RFP #08-5 can be found on The Able Trust website at [www.abletrust.org](http://www.abletrust.org) or by calling toll-free 888-838-2253 Voice/TDD. The deadline to submit proposals is March 4, 2008.

Since 1992, The Able Trust has awarded more than \$21 million in grant funding to individuals and not-for-profits organizations throughout Florida for employment-related purposes, enabling more than 2,000 Florida citizens with disabilities to enter the workforce each year.

The Able Trust awards grants to nonprofit agencies that provide direct employment support to persons with disabilities and to individuals with disabilities for on-the-job accommodations or assistance to gain, retain or receive a promotion in employment. Grants are awarded throughout the year on a quarterly basis. For more information about The Able Trust Grants Program, visit [www.abletrust.org](http://www.abletrust.org).

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**About The Able Trust.** The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities, is a 501(c)(3) public-private partnership foundation established by the Florida Legislature in 1990. Its mission is to be the leader in providing Floridians with disabilities fair employment opportunities through fundraising, grant programs, public awareness and education. Since its establishment, The Able Trust has awarded over \$21 million to individuals with disabilities and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida for employment-related purposes, enabling over 2,000 Florida citizens with disabilities to enter the workforce each year. The Able Trust youth programs provide career development and transition to almost 2,000 students with disabilities annually, helping to reduce the dropout rate and prepare young adults for life beyond high school. For more information about The Able Trust, visit [www.abletrust.org](http://www.abletrust.org).

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