



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1981

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a 2.94 acre Medal of Honor Tribute area prominently located adjacent to the waters of the 80-acre Veteran's Memorial Park, Lakes and Amphitheater. The purpose of the project is to to erect a lasting tribute to the bravest of the brave and to Honor all who have served our Country. The Medal of Honor is the highest military honor that can be bestowed on an individual. Medal of Honor recipients will be forever remembered for their unselfish acts of heroism. In addition, with Brevard County being the Space Coast, recipients of the Congressional Space Medal of Honor authorized by the United States Congress in 1969, awarded for extreme bravery, will be recognized at the Tribute. The medal has been awarded to 28 astronauts, of which 17 were made posthumously for those who died preparing for or during an American spaceflight.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	61%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	380,000	39%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	980,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners Parks and Recreation Department will be the facility owner. The Park is under lease to the Brevard County Veterans Memorial Council. This Project is the vision of the River Rats, Inc. The lead project entity is the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA). The Agency since 2010, has been instrumental in bringing about the vision, land acquisition, grant writing, and match funding provisioning for improvements to the Veterans Memorial Park.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds for construction of the base, super structure, educational components, benches, landscaping and flag poles are being requested in this application for appropriation. Local funds from the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency will provide for the design engineering, permitting and construction of the foundational, parking and access elements of the Tribute Area.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000



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14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

Construction of the Medal of Honor super structure, educational components, benches, landscaping lighting and flag poles will be completed with the funds being requested in this application for appropriation. Approval of this funding request will leverage local funds in the amount of \$380,000 from the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency to complete the project. Design engineering, permitting and construction of the foundation, and sea wall construction will be funded and coordinated by MIRA with Brevard County Facilities, and Parks and Recreation Departments.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The Medal of Honor Tribute, in Veterans Memorial Park, will be available to the general public, will host veterans events, and ceremonies, and will be available to all persons attending general and veterans events at the Amphitheater. Medal of Honor and Military Service educational visits, and other activities will also serve a culturally significant purpose for veterans, visitors and families.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Citizens and visitors will have the opportunity to experience the Medal of Honor Tribute area. Grades (6-12) will be invited to be educated about the Medal of Honor and its History, and the stories of Medal of Honor Recipients. Students will identify examples of courage, identifying those who have selflessly served others and their impact. Teachers will be encouraged to utilize the National Medal of Honor Character Development curriculum. The Medal of Honor Tribute Area and on Site Veterans Memorial Museum, will interface with and work with each other on site to maximize the universal benefit.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Veterans, their families, area visitors, students, ROTC, and Sea Cadets, and the general public of all ages, Grades (6-12) will be invited to be educated about the Medal of Honor and its History, and the stories of Medal of Honor Recipients. Students will learn about examples of courage, identifying those who have selflessly served others and their impact. Teachers will be encouraged to utilize the National Medal of Honor Character Development curriculum.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

263,976 visitors, are annually projected to visit the Veterans Memorial Park Facility, and will have the opportunity to pay tribute to Medal of Honor recipients at the Tribute site. The Park, is comprised of the Veterans Memorial Museum, Park, Lakes, and Amphitheater. Visitors will experience the opportunity to learn, contemplate, and consider the sacrifice made by Medal of Honor recipients in service to the United States of America.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

In addition to liquidated damages, there will be penalties for contractor delays from the prescribed break ground date; and from the scheduled completion deadlines for each commenced day of the delay. The delay penalty shall be applied by 0.1% (1/1000) over the Contract Price with deductions from the payments to the Contractor for each calendar day that elapses (except for those conditions arising from agreed extensions of time as enabled in the contract).

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Government

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number