



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2798

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request is for funds to support existing funds to complete the Olustee Battlefield Museum. The museum will replace the existing museum that was constructed in the 1950s and is not sufficient to provide the desired presentation and interpretive interaction the CSO wishes to provide to the public. All planning has been completed and the project is at the point of demolition and construction of the new museum.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	41%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,150,000	59%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,950,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?

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



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

April 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

April 2025

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.

This project is for the construction of a historical museum on state park property. The State Park Service will take ownership of the museum once completed. Olustee Battlefield Citizens Support Organization is providing the funding through private sources and funds obtained during event donations.

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	Construction of the musuem	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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

If awarded the funds, the CSO will be able to move forward with this project and complete the museum for the public to enjoy.

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

The CSO will continue to sponsor the reenactment of the Battle of Olustee with funds going toward the support of the museum.



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

The services provided will be having a place to view items and interpretive interaction on the history of the Battle of Olustee and the involvement in the civil war.

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

The target population is all those interested in the history of Floridas roll in the civil war and those who fought in the battle. One of the historic regiments that fought for the Union Army is the 54th Massachussts African-American infantry who played a major roll in the battle. The 54th Massachusetts will also be recognized in the museum with both union and confederate troops.

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

The benefit of the museum, as with any museum, is to educate and preserve the history of the Battle of Olustee and those who fought in the battle and the great number that lost their lives for the cause. There will be provided an area to allow the public to respond and comment on their experience with the displays, artifacts, and information provided by the museum.

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?

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15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number