



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2929

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project would provide repair for the Town of Westville's historic post office building including rehabilitation and access improvements for historic preservation purposes. It is the intention to preserve the town's heritage, enhance its character and identity, contribute to economic development and tourism, beautify and add interest to public spaces, and increase opportunities for the public to experience and participate in cultural programs through this rehabilitation project.

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	950,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>950,000</b>

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)	950,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>950,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2025

**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.**

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds would be used to supplement rehabilitation of the old post office structure and includes site and accessibility improvements and landscaping. Additionally, funds would be used for project development and environmental studies, engineering, architectural and inspection services, and construction.	950,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>950,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The proposed project would provide repair for the Town of Westville's historic post office building including rehabilitation and access improvements for historic preservation purposes. It is the intention to preserve the town's heritage, enhance its character and identity, contribute to economic development and tourism, beautify and add interest to public spaces, and increase opportunities for the public to experience and participate in cultural programs through this rehabilitation project.



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

Engineering/architectural inspection services and utilization of various construction vendors would be required to complete the project and ensure funds are spent in the most beneficial way to address the needed repairs. This request would provide much needed electrical components such as ceiling fans and interior lighting, access, and site improvements.

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

The project will provide an indoor event space for the public and would provide the town a space for local meetings, workshops, and classes. This historic structure serves as the town's main display and contributes to culture, arts, and humanities in public spaces. The planning committee will create a program for acquisition, placement, and maintenance of historic structures and cultural art/humanities.

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

Funds would benefit all groups within the town as well as the county and surrounding areas and more than 800 individuals would be served.

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

Upgrades would provide an enriched cultural experience for people who attend events held at the facility. Ticket sales for established events and the number of events held at the facility would be an expected benefit. Improved education would be provided since the facility would offer training and educational seminars. An evaluation of ticket sales, number of events held such as courses, trainings, seminars, and number in attendance would be completed prior to and following construction. Construction would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area; workforce interviews would be performed to determine the number of workers employed by the project.

**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?**

The town would award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents would address how liquidated damages for project overruns would be handled. The contractor would incur a cost per day for each day following a due date or construction delay which exceeds the contract timeline. The bid documents would require that the contractor provide performance and payments bonds, and a 10% retainer would be withheld to ensure issues are resolved or corrected in a timely fashion.

**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)



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Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) Local 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**