



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3507

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples is requesting funds to support the construction of a 90-student early learning center that would serve Collier County families with children ages 3-5. Since the pandemic dozens of early learning/childcare programs have closed in Collier County. That number was exasperated by the impacts of Hurricane Ian. The museum already serves this population in several ways but adding 90 seats of early learning will help lower the number of families who can't access these services. At the same time, the revenue generated from this project will help bolster the museum's funds to continue its growth by building new exhibits and offering more outreach programs.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,000,000	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.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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

The museum received two rounds of PPP funding for a total of \$433,734.50 and two Shuttered Venue Operation Grants for a total of 420417.97. All funds were used to support museum operations and pay employee salaries.

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?

November 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

October 31, 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.

Golisano Children's Museum of Naples

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None.	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovate approximately 5,900 sq ft of administrative and exhibit space into classrooms, offices, and other workspace to support a 90-student early learning center focused PreK3 and PreK4 students.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Improve access to high-quality early learning programs for 3- and 4-year-old students in Collier County. Since the pandemic dozens of early learning/childcare programs have closed in Collier County. That number was exasperated by the impacts of Hurricane Ian. The museum already serves this population in several ways, but adding 90 seats of early learning will help lower the number of families who can't access these services. At the same time, the revenue generated from this project will help bolster the museum's funds to continue its growth by building new exhibits and offering more outreach programs.

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

The museum will hire a team of early learning professionals to build and execute curriculum dedicated to creating Kindergarten-ready students in Collier County. Once construction is complete, the early learning center will serve as a social enterprise that does both good itself and provides needed revenue to improve the museum as a whole.

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

Early childhood learning and instruction will be provided along with childcare that allows families the ability to find employment in the community.

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

The target population is families in Collier County or those who work in the county with children ages 3-5. We expect to serve 90 students on an annual basis.

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

The benefits are three-fold.
 1) Increasing access to early learning and childcare for families in Collier County. This will be judged by enrollment numbers in the program.
 2) Kindergarten readiness for students in the program. This will be judged by using entry assessment scores captured by Collier County Public Schools of students who have participated in the program.
 3) Improvements to the museum's exhibits and facilities. This will be judged by revenue from the early learning center.

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?

Limiting access to further state funding the museum gets from the Department of Cultural Affairs. Limiting the ability of the museum to host summer camps and other programs that do not include parental guidance. This would eliminate an estimated 10 percent of the museum's annual budget.

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



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- 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**

f. **Phone Number**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**