



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1500

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) is renovating and reactivating the former IMAX theater on its campus into a state-of-the-art digital dome theatre and planetarium. Shuttered by prior leadership in 2016, the facility has remained dormant since but can be reactivated into the largest planetarium in Florida and the second largest in the country (Liberty Science Center in New Jersey). The project consists of the purchase and installation of new digital equipment and interior renovations to modernize the existing building. In addition, adjacent space will be renovated for classrooms and assembly space for school visits, summer camps, and public programming which would allow MOSI's capacity during the school year to triple with all having access to the new digital planetarium experience.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>8,000,000</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)	8,000,000	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	5%
Other	1,500,000	15%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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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.

### 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	Purchase and installation of digital equipment, renovation of existing facilities	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>8,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

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



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Daily educational programming will be hosted in the facility, including field trips, classes, and education-focused community days. During school breaks, MOSI hosts camps for children to attend.

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

Florida residents, especially school children and their families and caregivers, will be directly impacted by this project on a daily basis. As the premiere host site for school field trips, educational group activities, and camps this facility will serve thousands daily. Additionally, out of state visitors will be attracted to the facility which will help drive local economic development efforts in Tampa's Uptown neighborhood and will stabilize the operations of one of Florida's leading educational attractions.

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

Educational audiences and the general public alike will be served. MOSI's current annual attendance is around 250,000 guests. With the addition of the digital dome and planetarium, MOSI expects that number to increase each year.

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

Based on historical averages and MOSI's current attendance figures (250,000), this project becomes self-sustaining after year one in full operation. Attendance metrics already in place will be utilized to track progress toward this goal.

**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?**

Withholding of funds.

**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