



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2018

1. **Project Title** Exterior Restoration Sidney Berne Davis Art Center Phase 1 - Lee

2. **Senate Sponsor** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Request** 12/11/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

Phase 1 of the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former Post Office, now the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, will repaint and repair the historic stone facade and cracking exterior, repaint, and seal appropriate areas. The entire exterior of the historic building has never been maintained and is in desperate need of cleaning, repainting, and in some cases repair. Because of decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a Post Office, the exterior has started to crumble, jeopardizing historic features and allowing for weather intrusion into the structure.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	500,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Cleaning, repair, repainting of delicate historic facade/exterior, repainting historic loggia, repainting sides and back of building, and repair the historic exterior lighting fixtures.	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Funds would allow for the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former Post Office, now the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. The entire exterior of the historic building is in desperate need of cleaning, repainting, and in some cases repair. After decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a Post Office the exterior has started to crumble, jeopardizing historic features and allowing for weather intrusion into the structure.

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

Professional preservation and restoration will be utilized to restore the historic building, compliant with the State of Florida Historic Preservation Office.

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

The funding request is for fixed capital outlay. No direct services are being provided to citizens.

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

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center serves citizens and visitors of Lee County and beyond.

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

Exterior restoration of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will enrich the cultural experience in Southwest Florida, improve local economic activity, and preserve local historical resources.

- 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 in the contract?

Repayment of award.



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12. **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.**

The building is owned by the City of Fort Myers. Florida Arts, Inc., holds a 99 year lease to the building.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.