



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1568

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	400,000	92%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	435,000	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?



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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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

As soon as funds are available.

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2023

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.

None. All fixed capital outlay will offset expenses to relocate and rehabilitate the structure. Neither St Johns County, nor the St Johns County Parks Foundation will directly benefit from funds received.

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	Relocate structure to Windswept Acres Park and provide stable foundation and utilities at new site- \$300,000. Restore interior of house, provide ADA access \$100,000	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The historic building at 5480 Atlantic View, on Anastasia Island, was known round the world in 1964 as "Martin Luther King's Beach House." It was headline news when the house was shot up and firebombed. One of the iconic photographs of the civil rights era, often reprinted in books and other publications, shows Dr. King pointing to a bullet hole in the building's glass door. It was truly a "picture worth a thousand words," in terms of the hearts and minds that it helped to change.

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

Two volunteer groups, The 40th Accord and the MLK Celebration Committee of St. Johns County are committed to staffing and interpreting the MLK Beach House once it is relocated and restored. The relocation site is less than a quarter mile from the original location of the house, and is located along the East Coast Greenway, a national trail system, and also the Scenic A1A Byway. Additionally, the location is adjacent to the Frank Butler Beach, a historically African American beach from the day.

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

A diverse population is expected to be served by this project. As a location on the ACCORD Freedom Trail, the historic building currently located at 5480 Atlantic View, on Anastasia Island, was known round the world in 1964 as "Martin Luther King's Beach House." It was headline news when the house was shot up and firebombed. One of the iconic photographs of the civil rights era--often reprinted in books and other publications shows Dr. King pointing to a bullet hole in the building's glass door. Bullet holes remain in the building today. Visitors to the restored house are anticipated to be students from surrounding counties, as well as tourists to St. Augustine. Over 800 people per year are expected to visit the site.

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

In St. Augustine, the nation's "oldest city" we sometimes think of history as having happened back in 1565, but in fact St. Augustine's greatest encounter with modern history took place in 1964 with the widely-publicized events that led directly to the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. The restoration of this historic building will tell the story of Dr. King's role in St. Augustine's recent history. The effect will be measured by tracking the numbers of visitors to the site, as well as entrance and exit surveys, and participation in special events.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number