



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1671

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.'s mission is to become the forefront leader in history, arts, and culture in Northwest Florida. This is done by managing 30 state owned historic properties in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Many of these properties are museums which include a 34 acre archaeological site, historic farmstead, general history museum, a fine arts museum, a children's museum, a multicultural center, an archives and research center, and a historic village with living history programs. These resources serve as a cultural heritage tourism engine attracting over 175,000 visitors and 15,000 school children annually. Locally, support is received from both Escambia County and the City of Pensacola, however the state owned heritage tourism sites are in need of additional funding support for maintenance and preservation in addition to general operations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	325,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	425,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

**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)	750,000	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>750,000</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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Yes

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

Awarded \$10,000 in CARES funding from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to help cover the cost of utilities.  
 Received CARES grant through the Florida Humanities Council for \$3,000. This funding also covered a portion of utilities costs.

## 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)?**

**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.**

State of Florida owned property.

### 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	Hourly wages/fringe for part-time employees and groundskeeper	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Educational and public programs, continued interpretive/exhibit development, marketing, enhancement of state owned properties and general operations.	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architectural, engineering, and design services	50,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Deferred maintenance, restoration, and preservation.	425,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will be used for continued maintenance and operation of the 30 state owned historic properties that the organizations manages in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Many of these properties are museums and include a general history museum, a fine arts museum, a children's museum, a multicultural center, an archives and research center, and a historic village with living history programs. These resources serve as a cultural heritage tourism engine attracting over 175,000 visitors annually.

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

Among the myriad of programs, self-guided art and history exhibits are offered, guided house museum tours, living history programs, and special programs like the ever-popular Ghost Tours and our Art Academy for Autism. The school programs are among the best in the State and draws over 15,000 schoolchildren to Historic Pensacola Village from across Northwest Florida and Southern Alabama.

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

The project will deliver STEAM-focused educational programming in the form of school field trips for grades K-12, adhering to Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; public programming includes lectures, tours, seasonal programs, and hands-on interactive activities for children; and continued maintenance and preservation of a popular and significant community historical resources.

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

The museums and archaeological sites are multi generational resources that provide education and outdoor recreation to both local citizens (K-12 school age, young adults, middle-age, and the senior community) and out-of-town visitors. Over 175,000 visitors are hosted annually from over 28 states with a breakdown of roughly 46% local citizens from the tri-county area and 54% out of town guests. Annually over 15,000 school children visit.

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

The project will increase visitation to the historic sites. Visitor counts will be taken to track visitor numbers and compare to current numbers.

**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 Payment

**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)



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- 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**