



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2858

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will provide professional staff to help eliminate a 25-year cataloging backlog and to provide funds to digitize and conserve important documents. Current exhibits highlight boom and bust times in this historically turbulent region. Cataloging, preserving, and digitizing materials will improve the museum's ability to interpret this complex story to school children, college classes, local groups, individuals, and tourists and to make materials more accessible to the general public.

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	75,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	75,000

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)	75,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	100,000	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)?

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director will provide oversight of the project, invoices and reports, and oversee projects with outside vendors.	5,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Assistant Director/Archivist (to be hired) acts in the absence of the Director and undertakes museum and archivist duties particularly accessioning and cataloging materials.	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Conservation and digitization of documents.	10,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		75,000

14. Program Performance

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

Hire professional staff to assist the director and help eliminate a 25-year processing and cataloging backlog and fund digitization and conservation of significant documents. Processing, cataloging, preserving, and digitizing materials will improve the museum's ability to interpret the complex story of this region to school children, college classes, local groups, individuals, and tourists and will make materials more accessible.



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

By expanding access to the museum's collections, conducting research, and increasing the number of digital objects; the ability to interpret local and regional history to visitors will be enhanced. This will allow the museum to present a wider range of perspectives in its tours and exhibits. The project will increase the number of materials that can be made available to students and researchers.

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

The project will facilitate more comprehensive tours and exhibits enabling visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the history of south Miami-Dade County and the Keys. Educational opportunities (pre-school through graduate students) will be enhanced since more collections will be available for research. Collections will be made more accessible and be better preserved for future generations.

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

The museum would target the general public but with emphasis on students. The museum anticipates over 800 individuals will be served.

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

Museum collections and exhibits connect visitors with the rich and diverse history, literature, arts, music, dance, and traditions of the region. The museum enhances visitors' knowledge of these various cultures and their contributions to the area. Visitor numbers increase when museums have more varied and diverse content. The museum provides information about the history and culture of the area and supports a wide range of educational tours. In the past, tours have been given to classes ranging from preschoolers to graduate students, mentally challenged adults, and the elderly. The museum has also worked with student volunteers and paid and unpaid interns. The museum helps to draw tourists to downtown Homestead. Visitors from the local area, the state, the nation, and the world regularly visit the museum. One position will be created for an Assistant Director/Archivist. Results to be measured by an increase in the number of visitors and classes and the hiring of an Assistant Director.

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?

If deliverables or performance measures are not met, then funding will cease to be distributed.

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