



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1979

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	13%
Matching Funds		
Federal	583,790	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	12,416,210	83%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	15,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	80,000	58A	Yes

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?

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



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B-CU received \$66,502,464 in federal COVID-19 assistance. All HEERF I student funds were distributed to eligible students who applied for assistance. All HEERF II and III student funds were distributed to eligible students. Other HEERF funds were used for technology, health/protective equipment, pandemic related structural enhancements, etc.

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		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	Of the \$15,000,000 total project cost, \$2,000,000 is needed for the following design and preconstruction costs: planning, due diligence, and program verification; schematic; design development; construction document; permitting; bid and GMP development; construction; and warranty inspections.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

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?

These funds will be used for planning, due diligence, and program verification; schematic; design development; construction document; permitting; bid and GMP development; construction; and warranty inspections.

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

Educational and cultural enhancement activities will be provided to citizens from across the state. The direct services will be provided in the form of programming, educational visits with supplementary materials, unique and world class museum-style offerings, curricula, etc.

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

Over 10,000 individuals in the following communities are expected to be served: at-risk youth; grade school, high school, and postsecondary students, scholars, and researchers, tourists and citizens engaging in cultural/educational recreation, etc.

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

1. Increase in cultural programming, events, and education: Prevalence of cultural events will be measured before Bethune Center programming, after six months, and after one year. 2. Improved knowledge of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and related subjects; improved outcomes in secondary school history and University African American studies courses: General knowledge of subject matter will be assessed before and after interaction with the Bethune Center; class grades and engagement will be measured before implementation and after the 2023-24 academic year.

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?

Failure to meet deliverable or performance measures would result in the suspension of remaining project funding until the failure is resolved.

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