



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1816

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be used to rehabilitate and preserve the historic North Ward School for adaptive reuse, help to revitalize the surrounding low to moderate-income neighborhood, and provide a transition into the Seminole Boat Ramp area. The goal is to restore basic components of the two original school buildings built in 1915, provide facilities to both levels of the structure to address life safety and accessibility issues, and restore occupancy space for private sector retail use and a civic space.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,000,000	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?

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



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11. 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	Funds will be used to renovate the existing structures, which includes interior demolition, roof replacement, restrooms, and exterior window replacements. The project will also modify the fire sprinkler system, construct egress stairs, and repair electrical system to buildings.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. 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 renovated facility will provide additional civic space for community meetings and activities. Local artists, elderly persons, economically disadvantaged persons, and developmentally disabled persons will be invited to use the renovated building.

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

The project will not provide direct services to residents or visitors. The renovated historical building will increase access to outdoor recreational space on the grounds of North Ward and provide "maker spaces" and retail space for local artisans.

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

The project will benefit no specific group: individuals targeted include the elderly, economically disadvantaged, developmentally disabled, and local artists. Less than 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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



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Expected benefits include: 1) Increased access to outdoor recreational space on the grounds of North Ward; 2) Improving how residents connect to their neighborhood; 3) Preservation of a historic building that maintains the neighborhood's identity and sense of place; and 4) Provide a dedicated space for local art groups to provide visual arts, exhibitions, and performances. The project benefits will be measured by the total new area of improved recreational space, total number of recreational space users, the number of artists and businesses operating, the number of performances and attendees, and increased energy efficiency of renovated building.

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?

The city should return awarded funds.

13. 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 City of Clearwater owns the facility. In 2019, the city purchased the property for \$1.8 million from Pinellas County School Board for future adaptive re-use.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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