



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2063

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Italian Club building is a registered historic landmark and the oldest Italian organization of its type in the United States (ref: Tony Pizzo), organized April 4th, 1894. It is in need of further preservation work in order to maintain its mission within the community.  
 One of the major aspects of this request is to bring the building up to current code and as well as looking into the future as it pertains to solar energy and modernization of the facility.

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	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

**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)	2,000,000	81%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	455,104	19%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>2,455,104</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	1,000,000	3153 A	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?**



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

Entropy received approximately \$57,000 from the pay-check protection program in 2020.

**11. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Scope of work includes the Italian Club retrofit, east and west sides. The estimate focuses on bringing the Italian Club to a code-compliant status, specifically as it relates to the electrical, elevator, fire protection, and HVAC systems. The proposal calls for a complete solar energy system which will allow for a cleaner energy footprint and deliver a drastically reduced energy bill. The protocol calls for a non-invasive approach so as not to alter the historic aesthetics of the building.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

As the oldest Italian organization of its type in the nation, the funds are critical to ensuring that the physical building is preserved so that the mission can be maintained.

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

Continued success within the community as it pertains to membership, cultural enrichment activities and events, as well as community outreach programs and support of other nonprofit organizations.

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

The club serves as a culinary instructional facility for low-income individuals looking to learn a trade (Feeding Tampa Bay). It also serves as an education facility of seniors looking to learn culinary skills and languages through the USF OLLI Program; and as a historical and cultural enrichment facility for local schools by providing tours and often times free lunch to those students

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

The Tampa Bay community as a whole would benefit from this appropriation. As the Club looks at the next 100 years, it wants to ensure that its mission is preserved for generations to come. Current population within the Tampa Bay region exceeds 3 million people, any of whom could benefit from the historical and cultural experiences available in the building.

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



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be measured?

Continued success within the community as it pertains to membership, cultural enrichment activities and events, as well as community outreach programs and support of other nonprofit organizations.

**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.

**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 Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, Inc. - which is a 501(c)(3) with a structured Board of Directors.



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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