



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1305

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Museum has launched a comprehensive multi-year campaign expected to raise \$15 million to ensure a more secure museum environment for students and visitors, a new collections and conservation center to preserve Holocaust artifacts, expanded capacity to engage students and visitors with Survivors through virtual testimonies, and a center for young children and their families featuring interactives, visual art and virtual reality. In FY 2019-2020, the legislature appropriated \$500,000 for initial security upgrades to The Museum's entrance which was leveraged to generate local government support. State funding this year would deepen and build upon this investment by supporting immediate and essential improvements, remediation and potential rebuild and/or relocation costs to secure the facility for over 10,000 students who visit The Museum annually, as well as over 150,000 individuals who access The Museum's resources each year.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No  Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	33%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	10,000,000	67%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	0	500,000	3207A	No

**9. Is future funding likely to be requested?**  Yes  No

**a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

**b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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The state's contribution of \$5 million to ensure a more secure museum environment for students and visitors will be matched by \$10 million in local and privately generated resources. The State of Florida (\$500,000), Pinellas County (\$350,000) and the City of St. Petersburg (\$350,000) have shown support for this project by providing a portion of the funding needed to begin the security improvements. Almost \$100,000 in additional support has been pledged or received from private sources.

**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

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

In FY 2020-2021, The Florida Holocaust Museum received \$258,160 in PPP funds used for payroll and health insurance for employees during a 10-week period, as well as a \$149,900 EIDL loan for Museum operational expenses, during the COVID pandemic.

**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	Facility improvements, remediation and potential rebuild/relocation costs to expand, preserve, and secure the museum's environment and resources for students, scholars, descendants and visitors.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The pervasive lack of knowledge about the Holocaust underscores The Florida Holocaust Museum's mission as an essential bulwark against the tide of antisemitism, Holocaust denial and hatred in all its forms, particularly among the young. It also demonstrates our need as a state to ensure that first-rate Holocaust education reaches, motivates and empowers current and next-generation leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to confront the extremes of hatred and persecution in their homes and communities.

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

Ensuring the security of students and visitors, preserving historical artifacts and survivor testimonies, providing free educational resources, and demonstrating state and community solidarity against antisemitism in all its forms.

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



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Facility improvements, remediation and potential rebuild/relocation costs to expand, preserve, and secure the museum's environment and resources for students, scholars, descendants and visitors. Targeted improvements include, for example, sheltered pathways for student and school bus access to the building and enhanced classroom space where these students can learn about the Holocaust in a safe and secure environment; increased capacity to leverage Dimensions in Testimony (DiT) investments in AI technology to ensure that students and visitors can forever engage in conversations with survivors in real-time and hear their stories from their own voices; a Collections, Preservation & Research center to ensure safekeeping of Holocaust artifacts donated by survivors and a secure space where scholars and descendants can research and learn from these irreplaceable pieces of history.

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

Over 10,000 students who visit The Museum annually, as well as over 150,000 individuals who access The Museum's resources each year.

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

More secure museum resources and environment for students and visitors, a new collections and conservation center to preserve Holocaust artifacts, expanded capacity to engage students and visitors with Survivors through virtual testimonies, and a center for young children and their families featuring interactives, visual art and virtual reality. Outcomes include reduced threat vulnerability, increased access to free educational resources and preserved historical artifacts and survivor testimonies.

**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?**

Dispersed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the State.

**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 Florida Holocaust Museum, the sole owner of the facility, will receive the FCO funding.



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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