



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1934

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Renovation of old Stanton School, a historic building located at 521 W. Ashley St., to include replacement of roof, doors, windows, infrastructure, and mothballing (protecting the envelope), to continue with a plan to renovate and restore the building to a mixed-use facility to include a museum, community cultural center, retail, restaurant, and office space.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	65%
Matching Funds		
Federal	500,000	22%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	13%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,300,000	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	To renovate the old Stanton School building located at 521 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville, FL, to include remediation of damage from roof collapse, roof replacement, exterior doors restoration/replacement, and windows restoration/replacement.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Funds will help save and restore the old Stanton High School building (a/k/a Edwin M. Stanton High School, Stanton Normal School, Stanton Institute, Stanton Vocational High School), located at 521 W. Ashley St., in Jacksonville, FL. The building was constructed in 1917 for the specific purpose of providing a modern and safe building for the city's African-American students. At that time, it was the only high school for blacks in Duval County.

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

The building is currently vacant and in a state of disrepair due to the collapse of the roof in 4/2020 and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to then, tenants occupied the lower floor of the 3-story building. Plans are to first protect the envelope - restore and/or replace roof, exterior doors, windows, mothball building - and then to restore and reopen the building for public use - to include restaurant, retail, museum, community center, and office space.

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

Building will be saved and ultimately returned to public use.

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

The City of Jacksonville, State of Florida, and entire country will be served by preserving this historic building. Once fully restored, anticipated annual visitors will exceed 12,000 (1,000 monthly). There will be educational programs about African-American education, history, and culture within the facility; events focusing on African-American culture in the auditorium; and providing a welcoming space for school groups and adults alike to learn and share. Efforts to restore the building will be promoted through press releases and interviews.

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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This historically significant building will be saved and restored for public use. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 9/29/1983, having met four criteria for historical significance: 1. first high school built for blacks in the state in 1917; 2. closely associated with the life of James Weldon Johnson; a significant historical figure; 3. has a master architect in Mullen C. Greeley; and 4. is suitable for restoration.

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?

To withhold funding. 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.

Historic Stanton, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Florida corporation, is the owner of the property and entity making this application.



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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