



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2032

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To develop/build a facility that will enhance the quality of life in northeast Florida. This performing arts center will enable the organization to help develop a cultural landscape in the western portion of Nassau County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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 2022-2023	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

No

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	This is a new construction project. All funds will be used to build a facility for the performing arts.	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

To build a facility that will enhance the quality of life in northeast Florida. This performing arts center will enable the organization to help develop a cultural landscape in the western portion of Nassau County. There is currently very limited access in this part of the county to cultural activities. This new performing arts center will help strengthen the community in many different ways from academic performance and mental health to helping drive tourism and revenue to local businesses.

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

Once built, the facility will provide a place to have a variety of educational classes offered for all ages and socioeconomic classes. This project will also provide a much-needed facility for the community at large. This facility could be used in emergency situations as a temporary shelter. It can also be used to hold community drives for other nonprofit organizations.

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

One direct service is temporary emergency shelter in times of community need. In addition, classes in a variety of performing arts on a pay what you can basis for all ages from youth to the elderly, from developmentally disabled persons to at-risk youth.

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

Over 800 individuals to be served. The center will host a variety of community groups including the elderly, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, and developmentally disabled.

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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In a study by WHO the arts as therapy raised individuals' resilience, social functioning, communication skills, and physical abilities. It has been seen that these promote health and well-being and also improve quality of life. A performing arts center would be the heart of enriching the cultural experience. An arts center is a functional community center to encourage arts practice and to provide facilities such as theatre space, gallery space, venues for musical performance, workshop areas, educational facilities, technical equipment, etc. The use of this new space by the community can be recorded as shows/events are held.

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?

Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

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.

Blue Fire Theatre.



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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