



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2084

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

tag! Children's Museum is located in St. Johns County. This project will further the goal of building an innovative and interactive children's museum in St. Augustine, designed to engage a curious and creative community.

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	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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American Rescue Plan Act funds received through the state of \$4,340 used for general support/COVID-19 relief.

**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	Fixed capital construction, planning, and engineering.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The project has raised significant capital. Groundbreaking for the project was held October 21. Funds will further the goal of building an innovative and interactive children's museum in St. Augustine, designed to engage a curious and creative community. The museum will serve as a community hub for STEAM-based educational resources for parents and educational institutions. This will be the first cultural institution developed in the region in 20 years.

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

Children's museum programs and hands on activities focused on STEAM education. tag! focuses on 5 key areas of influence to inspire young people, ignite interest, and create responsible, inquisitive, informed future adults - environmental stewardship, history and culture, health and wellness, STEAM, and citizenship and compassion. Children will learn through play.

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

Direct services to children and young people by providing out of school learning, professional development for teachers, and services to children with disabilities and who learn differently. tag! has partnered with social service agencies and businesses to achieve these goals. tag! will be a destination for field trips, a resource for teacher professional development, and an opportunity for after school tutoring. The hands-on learning opportunities will be varied to build on life skills and academics.

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

Children and families. 85,000 individuals will visit annually.

**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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Children's museums help children develop essential foundational skills. Grounded in well-established pedagogy, children's museums are leading a movement that combines specific learning objectives with play in informal learning environments that are developmentally appropriate for infants, toddlers, and children. Local museums are able to provide a sense of community and place by celebrating a collective heritage, offering a great way to get to know the history of a particular area. Data on where visitors are coming from in the 5 county area will support research on the impact.

**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.**

tag! Children's Museum.



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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