



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2483

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project seeks funding to preserve a slice of small town history in Florida by preserving one of the most historic buildings in Chipley, Florida, for future generations to use as a community meeting space, while allowing a civic club dedicated to volunteer service to continue their mission within the community. Preservation and restoration of the Chipley Woman's Clubhouse will ensure those activities. Built in 1931, the clubhouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She is a graceful southern lady that is unfortunately starting to show her age, which is why the club is asking for assistance in maintaining her stately beauty through the allocation of a local funding initiative request.

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	30,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	730,000

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)	730,000	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	730,000	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?



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

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	Due to the volunteer service nature of the organization and the fact that the clubhouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Homes, a project manager to ensure compliance of the project according to necessary guidelines and restrictions concerning maintaining the integrity of the time period the structure was built is essential.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The building needs to become more energy efficient due to the age of the building. Updates to electrical, plumbing, and HVAC can provide assistance in that category along with insulation and other necessary improvements. The clubhouse has survived Hurricane Michael (2018) and Hurricane Sally (2020). However, there is concern about the effect that the storms have had on the foundation of the building. There is a need to be more ADA compliant with updates to wheelchair ramp, bathroom, and kitchen.	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		730,000

12. Program Performance

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

Three major goals will be achieved with the funds requested:

1. The clubhouse will be restored to a condition that ensures its continued use by the Woman's Club of Chipley for their volunteer service for Chipley and Washington County.
2. The clubhouse will continue to provide much needed community space for citizens.
3. An important part of local building history will be preserved.

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

The clubhouse will continue to serve as the hub for all fundraising and volunteer services for the Woman's Club of Chipley. It will continue to serve as venue for rental by citizens for community meeting space and provide free community meeting space to nonprofits.

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

Fundraising and volunteer services by the Woman's Club of Chipley operated out of the clubhouse directly support by volunteer service or financial support the following organizations: Washington County Council on Aging, D.A.R.E. of Washington County, Washington County Public Library, Washington County 4-H Youth Fair, the City of Chipley park & flag fund, and scholarships for Chipley High School students. Additional organizations are provided support as identified by members of the club.



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

The target population of the project is Washington County residents, with an emphasis on the residents of the City of Chipley. However, those needing meeting space from outside the county can benefit from the project as well.

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

The expected benefit of the project will be the following: a historic building within the City of Chipley and Washington County will be maintained for the continued use of future residents, another venue for meetings will be provided in an area with limited community meeting space, and the Chipley Woman's Club can continue their commitment to volunteer service for their county, state, and country by having adequate space to dedicate to their causes.

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?

An adequate contract in place with penalties for incomplete work with those involved in the preservation and restoration of the clubhouse should ensure that the Woman's Club of Chipley is able to meet deliverables in the contract with the State of Florida. However, non-payment of unmet deliverables should be sufficient to ensure that the project keeps on pace with the timeline of the project.

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 clubhouse is owned by the members of the Chipley Woman's Club per the club's bylaws as part of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the Department of State Division of Corporations. Due to the nature of the ask, the club is actively looking for a governmental entity to sign an interlocal agreement to act as fiscal agent for the grant process to ensure transparency of the use of taxpayer dollars.



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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