



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2633

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Early Learning Initiative (ELI) promotes school readiness in the enriched environment of a Museum. Requested funds will upgrade and enhance MOSH's ELI programs, for children ages three to five, that encourage learning by combining a STEAM-based approach with engaging activities, physical movement, sensory play, and more. MOSH serves over 45,000 elementary school children each year, from 14 Florida counties. The ELI curriculum and facility upgrades are in preparation for a new museum, MOSH Genesis, which will break ground in 2022. Other local confirmed support for ELI is \$580,000 in the grant year.

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	103,436
Fixed Capital Outlay	196,564
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</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)	300,000	34%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	580,000	66%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>880,000</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.**

Not identified.

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
<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	Playground equipment and grounds; new Early Learning Initiative curriculum and materials, program supplies for students, and parent/teacher events.	103,436
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Playground fencing, ADA ramp upgrade, preschool toilet remodeling; and elevator safety modifications.	196,564
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The funds requested will increase school readiness and boost long-term school success for the children ages three to five within the enriched and safe setting of the museum. MOSH serves over 45,000 school children each year, so it is well-versed in benchmarks children need to meet once they are kindergarten. Therefore this program will serve to close the gap for preschool children in an engaging way and plant the STEM-based seeds that learning is fun. Research shows 90% of brain growth occurs before kindergarten. The skills and abilities employers look for are focus, self-discipline, motivation and collaboration. This starts to take root in the first five years of life. These funds will go toward improving the future by investing in children's first five years.

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

The goal of MOSH's ELI is the promotion of school readiness through scientific thinking. Grant-funded supported activities will include: new STEM-curriculum and materials for students who will next matriculate into area Title 1 schools; playground equipment; improvements to include an ADA ramp and new mandatory elevator locks; age-specific toilet modifications for preschoolers; and safety fencing.

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

MOSH will provide innovative exhibits, programs, and training to Northeast Florida's preschool children and teachers. MOSH's early learning programs will advance school readiness with training in literacy and science skills training, encouraging children to engage in STEAM subjects prior to enrollment in more formal educational settings. MOSH anticipates serving 5,000 preschool children annually. Citizens currently indicate support of MOSH's services as MOSH already has secured the approval of the City of Jacksonville, including Downtown Vision Inc., which will enable development of both the museum's early learning programs and the pending new museum, MOSH Genesis.

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



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At-risk youth, preschool students, and grade school students will be the target population directly served by this project. MOSH anticipates serving 5,000 preschool children annually. Tangentially, their families and their teachers will benefit from this enrichment.

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

1. Create job opportunities as the program requires immediate hiring of new staff (with non-grant funding). Within 3 years, MOSH Genesis will generate new jobs (wages and salaries) in Duval County; measured by employment within MOSH.
2. Improve education quality in a safe environment as the ROI from quality ELI programs like this is established: positive effects on school readiness, K-12 test scores, graduation, and college enrollment. Measured by the number of programs offered via demand and quality measured through satisfaction surveys and tracking.
3. Increase in tourism and economic activity as ELI will aid in generating interest in MOSH Genesis as a tourist destination with potential to generate new wages and salaries for 351 jobs in Duval and 482 in the state; projected tax revenues of \$185k to Duval and \$690k to the State. Methodology for measurement will be collection of visitors' residence zip codes to delineate locals versus tourists; results compared annually to baseline

**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?**

Return unused funds if unable to perform activities as presented.

**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.**

MOSH (Non Profit 501(c) (3)) will receive: playground fencing, ADA ramp upgrade, preschool toilet-remodeling; elevator safety modifications are also included. The components are being undertaken in order to comply with 3rd party requirements, e.g., state law or new mandates. For example, the elevator door lock monitoring device is newly required by ASME A17.3-2015 Elevator Safety Code, and fencing and toilet remodeling upgrades are needed to bring the new ELI Voluntary Pre-K into DCF compliance.



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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