



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2804

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As owners of the historical Hotel Jacaranda, the SFSC Foundation seeks to upgrade critical components within the hotel that are crucial to the continuation of services and operation. Funds will be used to update antiquated electrical wiring found in over 50% of the hotel that is still in operation to date, update plumbing to alleviate sediments and rust, replace rotten window frames on the student residence side of the hotel, and update and repair the only elevator in the hotel.

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	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,400,000

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)	1,400,000	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	1,400,000	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Engineering	Modern electrical wiring with up-to-date distribution panels, replacing outdated plumbing with current materials, replacing rotten window frames with materials to prevent future deterioration, repair existing elevator mechanical components.	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,400,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Hotel Jacaranda provides space for training and testing with on-the-job training to culinary students enrolled at South Florida State College, a dormitory for students enrolled at SFSC, functional hotel and restaurant, and leased spaces for businesses. Upgrades will provide necessary improvements to the emergent needs our students and citizens experience daily.

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

The Hotel Jacaranda is a 100-year-old historical hotel that is the centerpiece of downtown Avon Park and contains a restaurant, hotel, and commercial space that serves the community as well as providing classroom and dormitory space for SFSC students. Improving the electrical, plumbing, window frames and elevator components will increase the safety measures needed in operating a hotel/restaurant and student residence facility.

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

Necessary improvements will ensure the safety and wellbeing of our citizens who will benefit from these services through their dining experience, hotel stay, and variety of commerce located in the hotel. Culinary students will continue to advance their culinary skills through the program offered at the hotel. Student Residents will experience modern amenities such as updated plumbing.

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

Approximately 34,000 people visit the Hotel Jacaranda on an annual basis. This population includes elderly, local businesses, community members, visitors from out of the region/state/country, students, and children.

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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The necessary upgrades will ensure the Hotel Jacaranda will be able to sustain future issues and prolong it's existence, allowing for it to remain in operation for generations to come. Increased tourism in the community provides additional revenue opportunities for the hotel.

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?

Suggested penalty for failure to revitalize the Hotel Jacaranda as requested would be related to the return of any funds not used for authorized expenditures.

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.

South Florida State College Foundation.



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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