



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2166

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Located in the heart of Historic Downtown St. Petersburg, the Williams Park Bandshell has been honored by national, state, and local associations of the American Institute of Architects for its excellence in design. It was also the site of debates between Richard Nixon and Barry Goldwater and hosted rallies by George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan. As its 70th anniversary approaches, the historic Williams Park Bandshell is in dire need of structural and technological updates. Parts of the bandshell structure, which consists of a stage area, backstage space, public restrooms, and storage space, have fallen into disrepair and the entire structure requires remediation and repair including replacing the bandshell's deteriorated roof panels, improving handicap accessibility, updating bathrooms, wiring, and other needed repairs to restore, preserve, and secure the 70-year-old historic facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	60%
Other	200,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,500,000	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.

State funding would be matched by \$1.5M already committed by the City of St. Petersburg with the remainder raised through private and corporate support.



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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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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 St Petersburg Downtown Partnership, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will directly receive and manage the funds for rehabilitation and repairs to the bandshell which is owned by the City of St. Petersburg.

13. 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	Improvements and repairs to the Williams Park Bandshell, including replacing the bandshell's deteriorated roof panels, improving handicap accessibility, replacing wiring across the property, and other needed repairs and updates to restore, secure, and preserve the 70-year-old historic facility.	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Identified improvements include replacing the bandshell's deteriorated roof panels, improving handicap accessibility, repairs to the bandshell structure including the stage area, backstage space, public restrooms, electrical systems, and other remediation to restore, secure, and preserve the 70-year-old historical structure which has fallen into disrepair.

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

Residents and visitors with disabilities will be able to use the new ADA-compliant facility; out-of-date electrical systems will be replaced to improve safety; new sound panels will provide noise mitigation; public restrooms will be brought up to standard; new roof, walls, doors, frames, and floors replaced/repaired due to rust/corrosion/water damage to restore the historical structure.

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

Residents of, and visitors to, St. Petersburg

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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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?

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number