



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1251

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Stranahan House holds significant historical importance as the oldest remaining structure in the city and complies with Sunshine State Standards by serving as an educational resource that aligns with Florida's history and social studies curriculum, offering students a hands-on learning experience with local history, including early settlement, Native American culture, and the development of Fort Lauderdale. The project will create an indoor classroom and ADA compliant facilities, allowing Stranahan House to provide educational experiences during inclement weather and ensure the entire property will be more accessible to all visitors through catering facilities and event spaces. The project is allow Stranahan House to become more fiscally self-sustainable and increase economic activity and tourism in the area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	33%
Other	1,500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Stranahan House operational funding.

11. 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.

Jennifer Belt, Director of Stranahan House.

12. 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		
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	Construction and build out of indoor classroom and construction of ADA compliant ramps, paths, and restroom facilities. All components of requested funds are shovel-ready.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Stranahan House is working to do renovations to update the property and create more usability. The funds requested will be used for an indoor classroom to provide education opportunities during inclement weather and ensure ADA compliance. These components of the overall plan which also include catering facilities and event space will ensure the entire property will be updated to be more accessible to all visitors. This will help Stranahan House become more fiscally self-sustainable.



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

Stranahan House holds significant historical importance as the oldest remaining structure in the city. Build in 1901 by Frank and Ivy Stranahan, a businessman, first teacher, and early settlers, the house originally served as a community center. They played a crucial role in the development of the city. The museum reflects its Native American roots and growth of the region in the 20th century.

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

Stranahan House complies with Sunshine State Standards by serving as an educational resource that aligns with Florida's history and social studies curriculum. The museum offers students a hands-on experience with local history, including early settlement, Native American culture, and the development of Fort Lauderdale. It provides learning opportunities in line with state standards for history.

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

The target populations to be served by this project are at-risk youth, developmentally disabled and physically disabled individuals, grade school students, and high school students. We expected over 800 individuals to be served.

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

We expect an improvement in quality of education. We will measure this through a comprehensive internal spreadsheet that tracks all the schools that schedule and participate in field trips, comparing spreadsheets from previous years to show the large increase of students on property. We will also increase economic activity by generating more revenue from the use and rental of the upgraded, ADA-compliant facilities and newly developed indoor and outdoor spaces which will be measured in our annual audit. We can also expect to see a year-over-year increase in tourism measured through our ticketing system, showing reports of increased ticket bookings. Once there is more activity on our property, we will be able to hire new part-time employees to help manage programs, creating job opportunities for local citizens, measured by our 990s.

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 in the contract?

The contract will be structured as a cost reimbursement agreement. Failure to complete construction will result in an inability to submit for reimbursement.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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