



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1801

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Mission of the Miami-Dade Military Museum is to preserve and present the rich military heritage of Florida to educate and inspire future Americans. Fifty years of Florida's military heritage in one building! We are listed by the National Register of Historic Places with National Significance and aspire to National Landmark status. The 4 project/programs descriptions are:

1. Expand education program for JROTC to non-JROTC Schools and Charter Schools
2. Create a Program for K-through-8 Education engaging basic US History, Geography and Physical Education
3. Create a Cuban Missile Crisis Documentary for free school distribution statewide.
4. Create Bay of Pigs Documentary for free school distribution statewide.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2024-25	0	500,000	100	No

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

### 12. 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	One Doctorate-Level educator with extensive teaching experience as the Resident Military Historian at Florida International University, who is also a former Navy Officer.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	One Project Leader, a distinguished now-retired Miami-Dade Public School System educator who was Teacher of the Year. This educator is also a former Air Force Officer.	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Big screen Powerpoint lessons, Museum classroom and whiteboard materials. Megaphones for the teaching outdoor Physical Education to youngsters.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Trained military Veterans who are Educator/Docents to serve as lecturers and tour guides for the High School students who are our focus, as well as the many visitors from across the US, and international visitors, heritage tourists who visit to learn about America. Two will be Phys. Ed. instructors using our new Confidence Course to teach Fitness and good sportsmanship to young people.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Our physical fitness Confidence Course is now under construction, with Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation approval, and will be offered free to any/all students in FLA. Ten-year-old's with diabetes from lack of exercise is wrong. When complete, the Confidence Course will be a wonderful educational asset.	0



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Documentary #1: Cuban Missile Crisis was the closest the U.S. has ever come to nuclear annihilation and it was centered right here in Florida. Documentary #2: Bay of Pigs was the worst military/diplomatic US disaster ever and intimately connected to Florida. It deserves to be studied.	200,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

We are reaching hundreds of high school students, as well as national and international heritage tourists who are learning. We are doing exactly what we promised to do, and the goal is to increase our teaching effectiveness. Project 1. Expanding our educational program will help our community and the entire State of Florida. Project 2. Creating a K-through-8 Program will reach many more young people. Project 3. Documentary Film on the Cuban Missile Crisis, a major Florida event, for free distribution to FL schools. Project 4. Documentary Film on the Bay of Pigs, a major Florida event, for free distribution to FL schools.

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

Our JROTC Education reaching 5,000 High School Cadets is wildly popular in inspiring future American citizens and leaders. We will reach non-JROTC High Schools & Charter Schools. We will create a K-thru-8 Program focusing on civics, coloring books, and our new Physical Education Confidence Course. Documentary Films on the Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs were events touching all Americans, especially Floridians. They shaped America's course, impacting everyone, and deserve to be studied. The films will be available to the entire Florida DOE network of School Districts free of charge.

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

Parents of JROTC students have praise for our Education Program with its emphasis on good citizenship, teamwork, and leadership. We are proud to share that some of these students are now at West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy. Likewise, last month we hosted the 34th Reunion of our Marines who fought in Desert Storm. They planted a tree, and will return for the 35th Reunion. We make a special effort to recognize Vietnam Veterans, which is deeply appreciated by them, since they were never welcomed home before.

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

The Miami-Dade Public School System is the Third Largest in the US. The County has 70,000 Veterans. The State of FL has 1.5 million Veterans. The DOD has 21 major bases in FL, 3 of the 10 US Combatant Commands, The 4th Fleet, and the one and Only Space Force base. These and the general population of 17M are our target population. Together with visitors from 42 States (so far) and international visitors from around the world who are all very interested in America and its great heritage.

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

We hope for the outcome of a better educated citizenry, especially in subjects of geography, history and civics. Sign-in sheets, Head count by clicker, after-visit reviews by the visiting schools, feedback by the Members of the Miami-Dade County School Board, and the FL DOE itself will be a primary benefit.

#### 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?

We will return the funding to the State if it is determined that we did not meet performance measures.

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

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



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- ☐ 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

**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**



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#### 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.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*