



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3541

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is requiring \$15 million to be used to plan, design and construct the Florida Museum of History in the Historic Town of Eatonville, Florida which will be a multi-purpose museum and cultural arts center with 100,000 square feet of exhibit hall space to display and educate visitors to the museum about the history of the State of Florida.

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	14,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>15,000,000</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)	15,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	15,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>30,000,000</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		

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.

The project will require \$15,000,000 annually for four years with matching grants from Orange County Commission using Tourist Development Taxes and general revenue, combined with raising philanthropic dollars.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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#### 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)?

No

##### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/12/2027

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/21/2028

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

Revenue from admission fees and taxes on admission fee totaling estimated \$5 million to \$10 million annually will coupled with Orange County tourism development tax dollars.

#### 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.

Orange County Florida County Commission will be the recipient and fiscal agent for all dollars and Orange County Florida County Commission will own the Museum

#### 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	Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to manage the day to day operations of the planning, design, operation and management of the Florida Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville.	250,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds to be used for site visits to other museums, meetings with architects, historians, museum curators, executive directors of other museums.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds to be used for consultation with experts (i.e. executive directors of large world class museums, museum architects, museum directors, and other services as needed create a design, architectural plans, site studies, etc.	200,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds will be used for construction permitting, site preparation planning engineering and architectural design service. All associated with construction of the museum.	14,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>15,000,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will be used to create, design, plan, construct and operate a high quality World Class Florida Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville. The museum will be a large multi purpose cultural center with its primary focus being a large world class museum in the Town of Eatonville.

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

The Florida Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville will serve as an education facility, a multi purpose cultural arts and events center, and will serve to attract a large number of the 70 plus million annual visitors to the Orlando - Orange County, Florida area, to the Florida Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville thus driving tourists to the Town of Eatonville, and additional tourists.

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

The Florida Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville will be a multi purpose and multi cultural events center and a world class museum. The museum will provide space for meetings, a 250 seat performing arts theater, a 250-500 person banquet hall, full sized banquet capable kitchen facility, and the Museum of History in the Town of Eatonville will provide a high quality history and education experience.

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

Over 800 of the target population is expected 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?**

Benefit and outcome of this project is to construct a large world class Florida History museum which will operate 100 full time jobs and increase tourism spending by \$40-50 million annually. The outcome will be measured by the 500,000 - 1,000,000 million visitors to the museum.

**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?**

Return unused and unspent funds. Any appropriated funds for the Florida Museum will be held in a fund until authorization is received to spend the money for the design, construction and operation of the Florida Museum of History at the Town of Eatonville.

**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

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



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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.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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