



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1220

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc. (SWC) and its acclaimed Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles has launched a fleet of Mobile Museums of Tolerance (MMOT) in Illinois, Canada, New York, and California, and soon the newly purchased and retrofitted two MMOTs for the state of Florida will come online in February 2025.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	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 2026-2027	2,000,000	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		
2025-26	0	500,000	106	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for HR and Accounting staff dedicating time to this project	95,238
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and Benefits for Florida state staff including: Program Manager, Program Coordinators, and Educators. Partial Salary and Benefits for national/regional staff dedicated to the Florida MMOTs including: EVP Education, Regional Dir. Field Education, Dir. Content and Learning	640,522
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel costs for educators, training staff, conferences, insurance, facilities, supplies, and equipment in connection with the project.	333,440
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Operations and maintenance for two buses, program costs for curriculum, video content, customer software and exhibit development, speakers and security.	930,800
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Over the last several years, especially after the Hamas terrorist atrocity of October 7, 2023, there has been a historic rise in acts of intolerance and biased-based hate crimes. The MMOT is a traveling education center that uses immersive technology and facilitated dialogue to deliver carefully designed workshops that cover topics including antisemitism and hate, the lessons of the Holocaust, the Civil Rights movement, and digital media literacy, all taught age-appropriately. MMOT workshops empower participants with knowledge of the dangers of intolerance.



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

Operations and coordination of two Mobile Museums of Tolerance as they travel across Florida, providing a dynamic educational experience challenging students, educators, and community members to ignite action against antisemitism, racism, prejudice, and hate to advance the creation of a more just and compassionate society.

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

The MMOT brings the field trip experience directly to schools, libraries, and other community venues with workshops on topics including the Holocaust, Rights, Antisemitism, Understanding and Combating Hate, and Digital Media Literacy.

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

In addition to serving elementary and high school students and colleges, the MMOT is an educational resource for teachers, faith groups, law enforcement agencies, government leaders, and the community at large.

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

The MMOT will inspire Floridians to stand up to hate and contribute to positive social change.

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 the unspent funds back to the state.

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#:

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)?



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- ☐ 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

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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