



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1424

1. Project Title Resistance: Courageous Acts in Desperate Times During the Holocaust Exhibit

2. Senate Sponsor Alexis Calatayud

3. Date of Request 12/2/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Resistance: Courageous Acts in Desperate Times During the Holocaust Exhibit will teach visitors that there was resistance and victims did not go like "sheep to the slaughter." Did they fight back? After learning the true story of resistance during the Holocaust, the real question that should be asked is "How was it possible that any resistance - spiritual or army - took place? Through this exhibit, we will share that living every moment of every day was an act of resistance, smuggling a loaf of bread, rescuing a torah scroll, chronicling events, taking up arms in streets, forests, death camps and ghettos, such as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which in spring of 1943, drew the attention of the world. Remarkably, there was resistance.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of State

State Agency contacted? No

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

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

#### 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)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	100,000	1,500,000		No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 100,000

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2028

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

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### 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.

The Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc. is a Non Profit 501(c)(3). The owners and the entity are the same.

### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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	Museum Designer, Historian, Exhibit Fabricator, Lighting Consultant to develop interpretive design, graphic layouts, concept, drawings, and storyline, to create the permanent Resistance Exhibit as well as providing electrical access in close proximity for all interactive viewing modules and screens.	500,000
<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?

The goal is to create a permanent exhibit for the HDEC that will enrich and enhance the visitor museum experience. In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Resistance during the Holocaust.



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

This exhibit will be a part of the HDEC full museum experience which is open to all visitors and school field trips. In addition, any programs, films, events, and traveling exhibitions at the time will also be available for touring.

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

All citizens will be able to schedule tours of the museum, visit the Library, the Interactive Learning Center, become a volunteer such as a transcriber, audit editor, proofer of the HDEC's globally recognized Oral History Collection of Survivors, Liberators, and Rescuers eyewitness testimonies which to date total 2300+. Visitors will also be able to access the 59,000 eyewitness testimonies from the USC Shoah Foundation, which was founded by Stephen Spielberg. Citizens will also be able to schedule Speakers from the HDEC Speaker's Bureau for their events.

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

Visitors of all ages and nationalities are welcome to the museum. The HDEC especially targets students from elementary through college and universities, elderly, Holocaust Survivors and their families, historians, authors, scholars, researchers, representatives of Holocaust museums, locally nationally, and internationally, educators, and legislators. The HDEC anticipates serving over 36,000 individuals.

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

The Resistance exhibit will enrich the cultural experience of visitors at the museum by telling the stories of those who fought back against Nazi tyranny. This exhibit will teach visitors that victims did not go like sheep to the slaughter and that there were many forms of Resistance. Visitors will be exposed to the true stories of those who fought back, such as Sam Lato, a Jewish Resistance Fighter who joined the Resistance at 17. He said, "There was Resistance. We did not go quietly. I know the Jews fought back. I was one of them. I was there."

**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 of deliverables to the state agency.

**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.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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