



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1590

1. Project Title Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center - "Take Action Institute" Educational Programs

2. Senate Sponsor Jason Brodeur

3. Date of Request 11/25/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

As Florida communities continue to face growing division, misinformation, and extremism that affect schools and public safety, The Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida (HMREC) seeks a one-time, non-recurring \$700,000 state investment to expand its educational programs under the umbrella of the Take Action Institute as HMREC prepares for the opening of the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity in 2028. The program builds statewide capacity for conflict de-escalation, civic responsibility, and critical thinking education, supporting the infrastructure for a self-sustaining statewide initiative that will continue to expand as the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity opens in 2028.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</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)	700,000	70%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	300,000	30%
<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? No

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? No

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.

N/A

### 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	Staff Salary - Sr. Director of Education and Community Engagement	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Staff Salary - 2 Education Managers	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Regional training events, printing, speakers, holocaust materials. Event costs - Teachers Institute (conference center, lodging, meals, etc.) Auschwitz history learning for law enforcement leadership Supplies - program supplies, pop-up exhibits, technology	305,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract Labor - curriculum / technology development Contract Labor - independent program evaluation	175,000
<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>700,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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This initiative addresses increasing conflict and polarization in classrooms and communities. The Take Action Institute equips teachers, students, and law-enforcement officers with tools to de-escalate tension, strengthen civic trust, and apply history to present-day challenges. This \$700,000 non-recurring request will create the infrastructure for a self-sustaining statewide initiative that will continue to expand as the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity opens in 2028.

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

Funding will specifically support: development/distribution of civic education curriculum, conflict resolution resources, mobile exhibit assets, technology platforms for use across program areas; expanding the Teachers Institute to increase statewide attendance; experiential professional development opportunities for law enforcement; a portion of HMREC education staff salaries; and an independent program evaluation to measure participant learning outcomes, behavioral impact, and program effectiveness statewide.

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

UpStanders: Civic, mental health, and character education for 20,000+ students annually.

Dr. Norman M. Wall Teachers Institute: Summer and yearlong online training for 1,000+ educators statewide.

CitizenU: Year-round training for 500+ law enforcement and corrections officers focused on leadership, de-escalation, and public trust.

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

Students (K-12), teachers, and law enforcement professionals across Florida. First-year reach: ~21,500 participants. This state supported investment establishes a baseline for continued growth without recurring full funding.

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

Strengthens Florida's capacity to address conflict and prevent extremism through education and professional training. Improves school safety, teaching quality, and law enforcement professionalism. Promotes critical thinking, civic responsibility, and public trust while driving economic and cultural activity through statewide training events. Measured by surveys, registration data, and program evaluations.

**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?**

Send back unspent funds.

**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



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☐ 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

#### c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)



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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.*