



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2196

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As part of the City of Miami Springs' Centennial Celebration, the city is seeking State of Florida funding to install a permanent public statue honoring City founder Glenn Hammond Curtiss. Widely recognized as the Father of Naval Aviation, Curtiss revolutionized military flight, and his aircraft played a critical role in World War I through reconnaissance, training, and coastal defense. His innovations laid the groundwork for modern naval air operations and helped establish the United States as a leader in aviation. In addition to his national impact, Curtiss shaped the development and identity of Miami Springs through his vision for community planning and growth. The proposed memorial—a professionally crafted statue with educational elements—will celebrate his legacy, strengthen local heritage tourism, and provide an enduring historical landmark for residents and visitors. State support will fund the fabrication, installation, and related site improvements required.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	350,000	100%

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/02/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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

City general fund.

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.

City of Miami Springs.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fabrication and installation of the memorial including site preparation.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Glenn Curtiss is widely recognized as the Father of Naval Aviation. His groundbreaking advancements in aviation technology directly shaped the development of seaplanes and aircraft used by the United States Navy. During World War I, Curtiss-designed aircraft played a vital role in America's early military aviation efforts, contributing significantly to reconnaissance, training, and coastal defense. His contributions laid the foundation for modern naval air operations and propelled the United States into global leadership in aviation. This investment will preserve an essential piece of Florida and American history while enhancing public spaces, promoting heritage tourism, and inspiring future generations to learn from the pioneering spirit of Glenn Curtiss.

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

The memorial will be open day and night to all residents and visitors alike with the purpose of preserving the historical significance of Glenn Curtiss' contributions to this country.

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

The memorial will educate visitors as to the significant impact Glenn Curtiss had on this country.

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

All residents and visitors to the city.

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

The benefit of this project is the preservation of the historical significance of Glenn Curtiss contribution to the country.

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?

Funds will be revoked if the project is not completed.

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:



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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) Local Government

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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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.