



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3473

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.'s mission is to become the forefront leader in history, arts, and culture in Northwest Florida. We do this by managing 30 state owned historic properties in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Many of these properties are museums which include a 34-acre archeological site, historic farmstead, general history museum, a fine arts museum, a children's museum, a multicultural center, an archives and research center, and a historic village with living history programs. These resources serve as a cultural heritage tourism engine attracting over 200,000 visitors and 15,000 schoolchildren annually. Locally we receive support from both Escambia County and the City of Pensacola, however our state-owned heritage tourism sites are in need of additional funding support for maintenance and preservation in addition to general operations.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</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)	250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>250,000</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		
2025-26	0	125,000	2918	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.
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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.

### 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	Hourly wages/fringe for part-time museum employees	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Educational and public programs, continued interpretive/exhibit development, marketing, enhancement of state-owned properties and general operations.	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architectural, engineering, contracted services	25,000
<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>250,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used for continued maintenance and operation of the 30 state-owned historic properties that the organizations manage in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Many of these properties are museums and include a general history museum, a fine arts museum, a children's museum, a multicultural center, an archives and research center, and a historic village with living history programs. These resources serve as a cultural heritage tourism engine attracting over 200,000 visitors annually.



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

Among our myriad programs, we offer self-guided art and history exhibits, guided house museum tours, living history programs, and special programs like our ever-popular Ghost Tours and our Art Academy for Autism. Our school programs are among the best in the State and we draw over 15,000 schoolchildren to Historic Pensacola Village from across Northwest Florida and South Alabama.

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

The project will deliver STEAM-focused educational programming in the form of school field trips for grades K-12, adhering to Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; public programming includes lectures, tours, seasonal programs, and hands-on interactive activities for children; and continued maintenance and preservation of a popular and significant community historical resources.

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

Our Museums and Archaeological sites are multi-generational resources that provides education and outdoor recreation to both local citizens (K-12 school age, young adults, middle-age, and senior community) and out-of-town visitors. We host over 200,000 visitors annually from over 28 states with a breakdown of roughly 42% local citizens from the tri-county area and 58% out of town guests. Annually we host over 15,000 schoolchildren.

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

The project will increase visitation to the historic sites. Visitor counts will be taken to track visitor numbers and compare to current numbers.

**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?**

Withholding Payment

**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**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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