



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2619

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The San Carlos Institute's 98-year old building is a historical and architectural jewel in urgent need of repairs. Water intrusion and concrete spalling threaten its structural integrity. This project seeks repair to the causes of the rapid deterioration of the building. The San Carlos Institute, founded in 1871, is one of Florida's most beautiful and historical landmarks. Located in the heart of Key West, the San Carlos served as cradle of Cuba's independence movement and as cornerstone of Florida's first Cuban-American community. The San Carlos building encompasses a 2-story museum, a library, an art gallery, and a 400-seat theatre. It is a living monument to the perseverance of the Cuban people in their struggle for freedom. A symbol of freedom and hope for people everywhere. The facility is used by the entire Key West community and is the home of some of the Keys' most important educational and cultural events.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,196,275
Total State Funds Requested	3,196,275

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,196,275	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 2023-2024	3,196,275	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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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The San Carlos Institute is labor of love maintained exclusively by small private donations and the work of volunteers. Through much effort and sacrifice, the San Carlos' Board of Directors has maintained the operations of the building and its physical structure for more than 30 years without recurring to public funding. However, the high cost of the work that needs to be addressed forthwith is beyond the board's fundraising ability.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

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?

12. 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.

San Carlos Institute "SCI" (Instituto Patriótico y Docente San Carlos, Inc.) was incorporated in 1986 as successor in title and interest to the unincorporated San Carlos founded in 1871. SCI is the beneficial owner of the property located at 517 Duval Street in Key West. While the Republic of Cuba appears in the title records, the courts have recognized the San Carlos Institute as having leave and exclusive possession of the premises since 1986. There is no connection between SCI and Cuba.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction and Engineering	3,196,275
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,196,275

14. Program Performance

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

The specific objective is to stop the water penetration and concrete spalling that threatens the structural integrity of the building.

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

The San Carlos board will provide all operational, oversight, and support services at no charge so that all state monies are used exclusively for construction costs. No state funds will be used for salaries, travel expenses, or other benefits.

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

By stopping the water intrusion and concrete spalling, SCI will be safeguarding the structural integrity of one of Florida's most beautiful and historical landmarks. A building that has become one of the most important cultural and educational centers for Key West and the state's Cuban-American community.

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

Thousands of people from all over the world visit the San Carlos annually. They come to learn about its history and to admire the beauty of its architecture. In particular, persons of Cuban descent come to the San Carlos in a spirit of patriotic pilgrimage. They bring their children and grandchildren to learn of their Cuban heritage and to renew their commitment to the freedom of Cuba. The San Carlos is also one of Key West's most important cultural and educational centers. It has been the home of the Key West Literary Seminar since 1993 (except 2021 and 2022 because of COVID-19), the Key West Film Festival and the Key West Songwriters' Festival. The San Carlos has served as downtown campus to the Florida Keys' College and has hosted three of the college's winter commencement exercises in recent years. Thousands of South Florida high school students come to the San Carlos on field trips to learn of the history of Cuba and Florida.

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

The principal benefit will be to stop the water penetration and concrete spalling that is threatening the structural integrity of this historic landmark. While additional renovation of the facility will be required in future years, the emergency items covered in this project's scope of work will stop the water penetration and rapid deterioration that threatens the structural stability of the building.

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 the contract?

The contracting agency may supervise the work and file a lien against the San Carlos' property located at 516 Duval Street, Key West, Florida if the San Carlos Institute fails to meet the performance measures provided in the contract.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number