



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2884

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The request is for the hard construction costs of the 44,500-sf state of the art Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity to be built in downtown Orlando starting in 2024. This facility that will provide access to Floridians, US and international tourists; will use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to fight bigotry, intolerance, antisemitism, and hate; and build a more respectful and empathetic society, free of prejudice and bigotry. The museum will be designed around the stories of survivors to engage, teach, and empower using innovative technology to provide a living narrative of the voices of people who lived through the Holocaust. It will serve to honor those lost, to reflect on the power of stories as a legacy that will always be carried, and as a reminder of why the community must stand up to antisemitism and prejudice today.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	25,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	25,000,000	24%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000,000	9%
Other	71,000,000	67%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>106,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.

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



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Yes

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

1. PPP 1: \$89,855 - Payroll  
 2. PPP 2: \$88,482 - Payroll, Rents and Utilities  
 3. ERTC: \$125,197 - Payroll

## 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    
  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?

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.

Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of FL, to rebrand and continue operating as a 501 c3.

### 13. 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: Other</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	Construction of the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity in downtown Orlando.	25,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>25,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested, being matched by private donors, will go towards the construction of the world class Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity, to be built in downtown Orlando starting in 2024. This 44,500 sq ft facility will be the largest and most comprehensive museum in the SE US and be far more impactful and accessible to Floridians and tourists. It will use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to build a more respectful and empathetic society, free of all forms of prejudice and bigotry. The museum will be designed around the stories of survivors to engage, teach, and empower, at a time when hatred of all kinds is on the rise.

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

The Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity will provide educational programming and innovative technology driven immersive experiences that are both informative and empowering. It is believed that education is the answer to helping citizens to build empathy and respect and thus create a more inclusive, welcoming society for all. The museum looks forward to being able to expand its offerings with a larger and more accessible museum to teach and inspire.

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

This project will provide educational programming and immersive experiences that are both informative and empowering to thousands of students, adults, and visitors from across Florida, the country, and the world. It will offer more field trips for students across the state, immersive exhibits for residents and tourists to engage with, and meaningful educational programs for people of all ages. At a time when antisemitism and hatred of all forms is on the rise, these services are incredibly important to provide.

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

The target population will be grade school students, high school students, university and college students as well as residents of all age ranges, abilities, and backgrounds as well as tourists visiting Central Florida. The museum will also be a resource for other Holocaust related organizations across the state. The museum expects to serve a minimum of 110,000 + annually.

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

The funds will assist with the successful completion of the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity, which will provide education and inspiration to Floridians, US and international tourists, about the horrors of hate and intolerance. Through the use the history and lessons of the Holocaust, the museum will help to fight bigotry, intolerance, antisemitism, hate, and build a more respectful and empathetic society, free of prejudice. The current rise of hate and antisemitism requires a strong message from Florida. The museum will use the stories of survivors to engage, teach, and empower others using innovative technology to provide a living narrative of the voices of people who lived through the Holocaust with the mission of fighting hate, antisemitism, and bigotry. The construction of the museum will be monitored and evaluated constantly by the GC and Board.

**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?**

Return unused portions of the funding.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**



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#### 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