



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1324

1. **Title of Project:** Richloam Museum

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/01/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The purpose of the funds being requested is to build the Richloam Museum, which upon completion will be a unique educational opportunity for all of Central Florida and the state. The museum will serve to preserve the history of the early settlers of Central Florida, especially African Americans, that worked in the turpentine industry. The museum will also educate youth on historical tasks through hands-on workshops. Richloam Museum will provide scholarships to local underprivileged students.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of State

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	100,000
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	96.15%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	4,000	3.85%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	104,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Will serve to plan, build, and complete the Richloam Museum which will be a unique educational opportunity for kids and families from all over Florida.	100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

11. Program Performance:

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

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

The completion of rebuilding the cucumber packing house, train depot, ice house, and smoke house.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The museum will also educate youth on historical tasks through hands on workshops. Richloam Museum will provide scholarships to local underprivileged students.

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

Polling shows overwhelming support within the immediate community and the greater Central Florida Region. There were also over 70,000 visitors to the location in the 2018-2019 year. We have acquired a letter of support from Hernando County Zoning and Building Department to build the museum.

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

Enrich cultural experience - the measure of benefit will be how many students and families are able to visit and learn essential skills and the history of Old Florida. Improve agricultural education- the land around the museum would be used to raise crops and animals and to teach the visitors the skills needed to survive in early Florida. Improve quality of education- the measure of benefit would be the number of students and families that would visit and learn and experience life in early Florida. Improve environmental- recreating the original lifestyle in the Florida flatwoods will bring more agriculture and forestry care to the region, thereby enhancing and



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preserving the environment. Increase tourism- by counting the visitors and students coming through the museum, the specific benefit to the local economy and tourism industry could be measured.

- 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?**

Immediate return of all appropriated funds.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

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13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Richloam Museum
- b. **County:** Hernando
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**