



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1871

1. Title of Project: Mandarin Museum and Historical Society - Facilities

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 02/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of this project is to expand, update, and repair facilities managed by Mandarin Museum, develop new interpretive exhibits. The Mandarin Museum was built in 2004 and the mission of the organization has outgrown the physical space to be able to collect, store, display, and interpret the historical objects and stories that reflect Mandarin's history. New interpretive exhibits will represent an improvement and expansion of the important history in the community, including: Harriet Beecher Stowe's presence in Mandarin for 17 years; the National Historic Landmark shipwreck "Maple Leaf," the Union troop transport that was sunk in 1864 in the St. Johns River at Mandarin Point; a new art gallery representing Mandarin's art and artists, including Lee Adams, C. Ford Riley, Memphis Wood, Charlie Brown, and more; and a new exhibit related to Mandarin's African-American history.

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	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	125,000
Total State Funds Requested	175,000

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)	175,000	57.19%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	131,000	42.81%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	306,000	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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment is for improving and updating the interpretive history exhibits in museum-operated historic buildings. Equipment would include display/exhibit cases, electronic education formats, exhibit signage, new shelving, fire safe, flat files, and special art/painting storage for archival/collection room. Also climate control system in archival room.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The mission has outgrown the physical space to receive, store, display, and interpret the historical objects and stories that reflect Mandarin's history. The funds would help with construction of two additions to the museum. An architectural plan has been completed for expansion of the Mandarin Museum by 805 sq. ft.	125,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Mandarin Museum was opened in 2004 with two exhibit galleries and a small archive room on the north side. The proposed renovation project would add a new exhibit gallery and expand the existing archive room. The primary work will be the construction of these two rooms, necessary roofing, and HVAC system improvements. In addition, both museum and archival spaces will be improved within the Mandarin Museum building - equipment that includes display/exhibit cases and electronic education formats, exhibit signage as well as new shelving, fire safe, flat files, special art/painting storage, and climate control for the archival/collection room. Also, improvements to educational interpretation, include interpretive signage developed and installed in the 1875 farmhouse and the 1911 store and post office. Roof repair to a metal roof at the store and post office. This is a 3 year project.

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

Primarily the additional exhibit space will allow MMHS to increase the interpretation of the Civil War ship, Maple Leaf, which is a National Historic Landmark shipwreck site on the St. Johns River. The museum will



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expand the current exhibit by having a designated gallery for this nationally recognized treasure of history and artifacts. The additional archive space will allow the museum to better manage and display the extensive collection of MMHS under climate control.

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

To accomplish our mission, the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society collects, preserves, interprets, and exhibits documents, objects, and oral histories that relate to Mandarin's unique past as well as its place within regional Florida and national history. MMHS provides Mandarin archives, interpretive exhibits, and educational programs within historic properties and buildings managed by the organization but owned by the City of Jacksonville and the Mandarin Community Club. Artifacts, objects, and histories are presented within six exhibition areas. All of these services will be improved and enhanced if this project is funded for expansion and preservation goals.

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

Residents, students, families, educators, researchers, and visitors from around the region, the country, and the world are served. In FY 2017-18, 9,715 documented visitors were served with an all-volunteer staff. The improvements to the facilities and exhibits is expected to increase visitation.

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

Expansion and improvement of the exhibit spaces will enrich the experiences of the visitors to Mandarin Museum and Historical Society which can be measured through a visitor evaluation tool which already exists and is tracked quarterly. MMHS also conducts school tours that help students meet standards related to Florida and American history. The expansion and improvement of exhibit spaces will broaden their exposure to the targeted history lessons in their tours. MMHS requests evaluation from each teacher and chaperone. This is done by giving them an evaluation form in a pre-addressed and stamped envelope which they return. As visitation increases with improved and expanded exposure to historic information, the economic activity in the community will increase to businesses that sell food and gas especially. In the gift shop, more visitors bring more shop purchases of local history books and art, which in turn benefit the authors, artists, and the museum operations.

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?

Standard contract penalties.

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.

The owners of the buildings are: the historic buildings and the Mandarin Museum building, all in Walter Jones Historical Park, are owned by the City of Jacksonville, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. The historic Mandarin store and post office are owned by the Mandarin Community Club. These buildings are used and managed by the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society through contract and lease to provide services to the community.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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b. Organization: Mandarin Museum & Historical Society



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. **Organization:** Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

b. **County:** Duval

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:**