



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1993

**1. Title of Project:** Exterior Restoration of the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Funds would allow for the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former post office, now the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. The entire exterior of the historic building has never been maintained and is in desperate need of cleaning, repainting, and in some cases repair. Because of decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a post office, then a federal building, the exterior has started to crumble, jeopardizing historic features and allowing for weather intrusion into the structure.

**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	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

**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)	2,000,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Cleaning, repair, repainting of delicate historic facade/exterior; reworking of historic original windows; restoration of historic loggia; grounds work, irrigation, landscaping; resurfacing parking lot; creation of education signage denoting historical significance	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Funds would allow for the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former post office, now the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. The entire exterior of the historic building is in desperate need of cleaning, repainting, and in some cases repair. Decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a post office, then a federal building, the exterior has started to crumble, jeopardizing historic features and allowing for weather intrusion into the structure.

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

Professional preservation and restoration will be utilized to restore the historic building, compliant with the Department of State Preservation Office.

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

Funding request is for fixed capital outlay. No direct services are being provided to citizens.

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

The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center serves citizens and visitors of Lee County, and beyond.

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

Exterior restoration of the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center will enrich the cultural experience in southwest Florida, improve local economic activity, and preserve local historical resources.

**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.



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**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 building is owned by the City of Fort Myers. Florida Arts, Inc. holds a 99 year lease to the building.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** James Griffith
- b. **Organization:** Florida Arts, Inc.
- c. **E-mail Address:** jim@sbdac.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (239)333-1933

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Florida Arts, Inc.
- b. **County:** Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** James Griffith
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**15. Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**