



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1455

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Italian Club Building, a registered historic landmark, and the oldest Italian Organization of its type in the United States (ref: Tony Pizzo), organized April 4th, 1894, is in need of further preservation work in order to maintain its mission within the community. The major aspect of this request is to bring the building (built in 1918) up to the current codes covering fire, electrical, plumbing, and handicap accessibility.

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	335,150
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,162,252
Total State Funds Requested	3,497,402

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)	3,497,402	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 2024-2025	3,497,402	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	3237	Yes

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?

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



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The club received two payroll protection grants, one in 2020 and one in 2021 (\$27,972 & \$30,480 respectively) - both of which were used exclusively to maintain staffing and payroll through the pandemic.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

The Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, Inc.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Management / Supervision	95,680
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office equipment, phone, and misc. supplies	5,520
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Audit Coordinator	20,700
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mobilization, Staging, Heavy Equipment & Expendable Supplies	24,995
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architecture / Engineers	188,255
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Upgrade electrical service, replace fire alarm / suppression system, elevator system, plumbing, and bathroom utilities to comply with current code. Remove and replace fifteen 40+ year old air handlers with energy efficient units. Remove and replace termite damaged hardwood floors (2nd floor) and wooden structures on the first floor. Upgrade audio visual system to current technology.	3,162,252
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,497,402

14. Program Performance

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



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

The Italian Club of Tampa is a historical landmark open to the public daily for tours, as well as for community and cultural events. The club hosts the center stage for Ybor City's Fiesta Day celebration showcasing Tampa's rich Latin Heritage. The club also hosts the Italian American Golf Invitational (celebrating its 45th year) with proceeds benefiting charities including Special Olympics.

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

The club conducts tours for school aged children as well as providing space for continuing education classes. The club hosts Italian language classes, cooking classes, culturally specific events, and historical presentations, etc. The club also works closely with other local 501c3's who utilize the club to host events that better the community through their own endeavors.

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

No specific target - the club is a facility open to all of the community and regularly welcomes over a thousand guests each month between events, activities, tours, etc.

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

As the oldest Italian American Organization of its type in the nation, the funds are critical to ensuring that the physical building is preserved so that the club can maintain its mission to serve the community as a cultural icon to all those immigrant families that helped build the community.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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