



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3685

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To restore and repair the Centro Asturiano de Tampa, Inc. building to its original historical significance. The Centro Asturiano building was built in 1914 and suffers from long-term deferred maintenance and repair issues that include the following areas of the structure needing restoration and repair: ADA compliance, the salon, the kitchen, covadonga room, central A/C system, ballroom, bandshell, cantina, doorways, library, boardroom, administrative offices, gym, museum, and exhibit areas.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	100%

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.

A small contingent of private donations.

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



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

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?

July 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 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.

Board of Directors of Centro Asturiano de Tampa

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The following areas of the structure needing restoration and repair: the salon, kitchen, covadonga, central A/C system, ballroom, bandshell, cantina, doorways, library, boardroom, administrative offices, gym, museum, and exhibit areas. We have the oldest operating theatre in the State of Florida and ADA accessibility there is a priority.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

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?

Improve quality of education - The restoration and repairs of the Centro Asturiano building will allow it to continue to serve the community as a historic location for educational gatherings and student tours where the public can be informed about its Spanish cultural legacy as a mutual-aid society and major social center for music, Spanish Theater, arts education, and social events since its construction in 1914.

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

Increase or improve economic activity - Restoring and renovating the building will protect the historical legacy and allow the continuation of use of as a multi-faceted convention center for Historic District of Ybor City, the City of Tampa, and Hillsborough County. Centro Asturiano events drive hotel & restaurant sales and bring visitors that benefit the area through sales tax payments and parking fees.

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

Members of the community in Hillsborough and surrounding counties. (Population > 50,000)

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 - Restoration and repair of the exterior and interior elements of this historical 100+ year old building will preserve its Spanish cultural legacy, that includes the establishment of a mutual-aid health society (The Centro Asturiano is recognized as the first HMO organization in Florida) which was built and funded by immigrant Spanish cigar workers.

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

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