



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3556

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Preserving Florida's earliest property records held at various county courthouses, through the project "Guardians of Florida's Historical Deeds," is vital. These records hold historical significance, offering insights into the state's development and cultural heritage. They serve legal and genealogical purposes, aiding property disputes and family research. Furthermore, these records have educational and tourism value, attracting visitors and boosting local economies. Funding this project is essential to prevent the deterioration of these irreplaceable records due to aging and environmental factors. By doing so, Florida's history will be safeguarded, ensuring it remains accessible, relevant, and invaluable for future generations.

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 | 500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 500,000 |

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) | 500,000 | 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 | 500,000 | 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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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 | Contracted services to preserve, restore, and digitize historical records of significant value relating to the founding of Florida. | 500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 500,000 |

14. Program Performance

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

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



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Records preservation services to include archival stabilization, deacidification, and mylar encapsulation. Digital imaging services to include scanning documents into an archival format that can be indexed and hosted to create a digital access point for citizens.

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

Citizens will have the ability to view, research, or request material electronically from anywhere and at their convenience.

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

Creating and allowing access to historical records and documents has a far reaching impact on citizens and the business community. These early records enable the tracing of the lineage to the establishment of contemporary Florida and a large portion of its current citizens.

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

The expected benefit from this project is the preservation of and direct digital access to these early founding documents and records. The outcome will be measured by the number of records available electronically after the project is finished.

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?

If stated performance measures or deliverables are not met within the agreed project timeline, the contracting agency may enforce any penalties they see fit.

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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number