



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2062

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Cigar Factory was constructed in 1925 for the Cuban American Cigar Corporation, a subsidiary of the Thompson and Company, Inc., of Tampa in the Mission Spanish Colonial Revival style and needs renovations and improvements to meet current code regulations, i.e., a new roof, termite mitigation, new floors, HVAC, windows, plumbing, electrical, and replacement of any wood or fixtures. It was designed by architect William H. Odell of Detroit, Michigan and constructed by William L. Seward of Bartow and was listed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2002. Funds to be used for preliminary architectural/engineering study/design to restore the facility for economic development purposes. The project supports the community redevelopment agency, the city's goals to revitalize Midtown, attract/retain businesses/new enterprises, restaurants, retail shops, museum, host events, create jobs, increase tourism, and promote education that will benefit the city, county, and region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (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 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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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.

\$10,090,698 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) used to fund a portion of the City of Bartow Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, currently under construction.
 \$79,158.13 Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for masks, cleaning/decontamination, and changes to the physical environment to facilitate social distancing (e.g., Plexiglas partitions and access locks).

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

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.

City of Bartow is the entity and owner of the facility.

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	Contractual preliminary architectural/engineering services for study/design to renovate the historic Cigar Factory building for revitalization/economic development	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance



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

Funds to be used for preliminary architectural/engineering for study/design services. The goal is to restore/renovate the historic cigar factory built in 1925 to provide a safe, hardened facility that meets code regulations to protect the residents, users, visitors, tourists, community, and public. Once completed, the facility provides economic opportunities to attract new enterprises, businesses, retail shops, restaurants, and includes a micro cigar museum/store to promote Florida historic educational information about the Cuban American Cigar industry and the facility, create a hub for local events, employment options, increase tourism, and revenues.

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

Activities include seeking contractual preliminary architectural/engineering study/design services through the city's procurement policies and procedures in order to restore the facility for economic development purposes to attract and house new enterprises, and a business incubator. A multi-use facility may include restaurants, outdoor live music area, retail shops to include a micro cigar museum/store with decor containing historic photographs and memorabilia educating visitors about the historic significance of the industry and the building.

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

Direct services to citizens provided as a result of preliminary architectural/engineering study/design services allows for the project to move forward with restoration. Once restored, the historic cigar factory offers a viable venue for economic development and revitalization of the city's Midtown area with incubator businesses, restaurants, retail spaces, event space, etc. that will be a destination location in the region for the community and tourists to safely enjoy, gather, meet, dine, shop, live, and learn about Florida's historical Cuban American Cigar industry in a micro cigar museum/store.

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

The target population includes the City of Bartow, which serves as the county seat for regional, federal, and state offices, agencies, properties, and buildings which are tax exempt, creating a reduction of revenue that is needed to adequately serve its citizenry. The restoration of the Cigar Factory and revitalization of the Midtown area is expected to serve greater than 19,477 that includes the county and surrounding communities and tourism industry.

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

Expected benefit is a completed study/design detailing the restoration of the 1925 cigar factory building to be restored as a safe facility that will serve as a catalyst with the revitalization of the Midtown area that will offer Cuban American Cigar industry historic educational information in a micro cigar museum/store, economic development, create job opportunities, increase revenues with new enterprise, expanding companies, business start-ups, retail shops, restaurants, events venue, etc.

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?

Contractual agreements will include timelines, milestones, implementation of corrective action plan, if necessary and non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved.

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



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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

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number