



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1032

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Provide safe and sustainable facilities for the Bay of Pigs-Brigade 2506 Museum in Little Havana for the purpose of preserving the important history of the Cuban people's fight against communism and honoring the brave men who fought and died for freedom. The Museum must be updated and expanded to continue the dissemination of historical information long into the future to visitors; local, domestic, and foreign tourists in the Miami/Dade area. The museum has received more than 5,000 visitors/year and ranks #14 of 80 museums in the Miami/Dade area (As reported by Trip Advisor).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

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)	1,000,000	25%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,600,000	63%
Local	500,000	12%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>4,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	2,600,000	3165A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Requesting \$1,000,000 for the next two years.

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

No



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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.

Carlos Luis, President, Bay of Pigs Museum and Library of the 2506 Brigade, Inc.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	FY 2022-23 appropriation of \$2,600,000 was used for the acquisition of land, engineering and architectural design, construction of parking lot, with a balance towards facility construction. Construction costs have increased dramatically, therefore an additional \$3,000,000 is required to complete the project.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the funds is to ensure a safe facility for guests and patrons, as well as ensure the sustainability of the museum for years to come to preserve the important history of the Cuban people's fight against communism and honoring the brave men who fought and died for freedom. The renovated and expanded facility will include exhibits and services to disseminate historical information related to the Bay of Pigs invasion and it's heroes to local visitors, also domestic and foreign tourists visiting the museum.

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

Provide historical information to visitors, foreign and domestic regarding the fight against communism and socialism in Cuba and honor the heroes of Brigade 2506. Educate and provide a research area for students and scholars with unique materials only available at the museum. Offer seminars and conferences to students and other personnel and local organizations.

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

Same as paragraph b. above. Provide historical information to the thousands of visitors, foreign and domestic. Educate and provide a research area for students and scholars with unique materials only available at the museum. Offer seminars and conferences to students, to other personnel, and local organizations.

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

Target population include students, veterans, local/domestic and foreign tourists that visit Miami. The museum receives more than 5,000 visitors/year and it is expected that this amount could increase as much as two-fold. The museum ranks #14 by Trip Advisor out of 80 museums in the Miami/Dade area.

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

It is expected that with the upgrading and expansion of the museum, the number of visitors will increase, therefore offering a valuable attraction to the thousands of tourists visiting the Miami/Dade area. The successful outcome will be measured by the increased number of visitors to the museum and increased number of programming.

**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?**

Loss of future funding

**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**