



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1569

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

The mission of the Miami-Dade Military Museum is to preserve and present the rich military heritage of Florida to educate and inspire future Americans. The museum building itself has an illustrious history. It was built by the Navy in WWII to fight against the Nazi U-boat attacks on Florida. Then the building became CIA Headquarters for the gallant Cuban freedom fighters of the Exile Community against the Castro dictatorship. During Vietnam the building was an Army Reserve Center. During Desert Storm it was a Marine Corps Reserve Center. Fifty years of Florida's military heritage in one building and is listed by the National Register of Historic Places with National Significance. The goal is to become the best little military museum in Florida. To accomplish this goal, the museum respectfully requests the help of the State of Florida in assembling staff from all levels of the community, and the creation of world-class exhibits on par with other similar museums in the State.

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

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	600,000	3186	No

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.



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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.

## 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
<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	Six trained staff members skilled in Museum Science to serve as docents, and qualified in Library Science, digital archives, social media, researchers, and educators. Veterans support is preferred.	200,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The programs require the following: equipment rental, sound/video production, editing, digital agreements, and interactive recording and filming. Touch-activated vocal interpretations explaining exhibit case contents. Dioramas, models, safe Plexiglas cases, display stands, mannequins, and text panels.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Temporary support staff and specialist consultants needed to create content, package, and program the virtual programs. Support consultants in the creation, troubler shooting and sequencing, including music, and telephone systems for seamless exhibit content and total experience.	100,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

The goal is to become the best little military museum in Florida. To accomplish the goal, the museum most humbly and respectfully requests the help of the Great State of Florida in assembling a staff from all levels of the community, and equally, the creation of world-class exhibits on par with the Pensacola Naval Air Museum, the Camp Blanding Florida Army Guard Museum, and the Holocaust Museum of St. Petersburg.

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

Focus will be both field trips by scheduled groups and walk-ins from around the world. In addition to school groups and civic clubs, which is most strongly encouraged, visitors from 35 countries have toured the museum. The museum asks they put push pins on the map where they're from. Visitors post "likes" on social media which are monitored and are most encouraging.

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

The highly popular Days of Remembrance such as D-Day, 9-11 Patriots Day, and Pearl Harbor Day as well as national Days of Observance such as MLK Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day. Free and open to the public. The museum will also work to enhance the community with rentals for weddings, photo shoots, and military reunions.

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

Grade school, middle school, high school, university/college students. Miami-Dade has a vast student population. Equally, the museum also will host visitors from around Florida and the rest of the nation. The target population will include international tourists from around the world. Easily 40-50 visitors per day. Another important target served: The Vets Center VA Counseling program at the museum helps jobless and homeless Veterans, and physical/mental impairment.

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

Determining the success of the mission will be easily determined by the number of visitors which will be counted, report it regularly, and use every means to increase it. The museum is motivated to establish the ethics of service, patriotism, and love of country as core values of this great nation.

**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?**

Full oversight by State of Florida by timely filing requiring periodic reports, expenditure spreadsheets, and photocopies of all invoices. Failure to meet the deliverables or performance measures which the agency will provide in its contract to administer the funding will result in the funding being withheld.

#### 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**



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- 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**