



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2237

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Educational field projects, and classroom programs will be provided directly to students in this region by members of ARI. Online information and programs will be created, posted to our website and made available to educators, staff and homeschool teachers for continuing use. We will also provide educational lectures, exhibits and demonstrations for special events and festivals. Students will gain a greater understanding of the cultural, historical, and archaeological heritage of the Big-Bend region and their relationship with that heritage through direct participation in "hands-on" educational programs both in the field and the classroom.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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	400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	400,000	100	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.

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	Administrative expenses will be provided by Healthyways, Inc. - including Executive Director, classroom facilities, office facilities, exhibit space, utilities and liability	160,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Brochures, handouts, classroom supplies and equipment, Transportation and crew for educational travel exhibits and events	90,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted researcher, educators, and support teams Contracted services for educational videos, social media and online product	150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Aucilla Research Institute will provide historical, archaeological, scientific and other educational programs and opportunities to a region of Florida which is traditionally underserved for such programs. These programs and opportunities have been tested on a pilot scale with private funding, including student participation in historical archaeological field work, the creation of programs for home-schooled students and the development of oral history and research programs with local communities.

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

Traveling educational events and exhibits. Also, educational programming, the development of educational materials, tools and field projects to be made available for classroom teachers to be used upon request to ARI.

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

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

Pre, grade and high school students as well as homeschooled students with no access to such programs.

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

Enriched Culture: Students will gain a greater understanding of the cultural, historical, and archaeological heritage of the Bid-Bend region and their relationship with that heritage through direct participation in "hands-on" educational programs both in the field and the classroom. As these programs are presented, participating students and educators will evaluate the effectiveness of the programs through feedback and surveys provided to the Aucilla Research Institute for review. This feedback will be used to further develop the programs for maximum effectiveness.

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?

The Aucilla Research Institute, in the event of willful failure to meet the deliverables outlined (i.e., the development of historical and archaeological education programs, will return unexpended funds to the state and provide a statement of the circumstances surrounding such failure, if needed.

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