



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2779

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Structural remodel of the residential spaces in the Ponce, which are required to preserve the National Historic Landmark building.

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	35,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	35,000,000

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)	35,000,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	52,500,000	60%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	87,500,000	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.

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

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Received \$12,712,034 in total HEERF funding. 50% (\$6,356,017) is allocated for distribution directly to students as emergency financial aid grants - \$2,708,794 has been distributed to students. Remaining 50% is for institutional use. \$1,354,397 for refunds to students for room and board fees in 2020. \$1,354,397 to cover COVID related operating expenses and operational losses due to COVID-19. Remaining \$3,647,223 was used for COVID-19 related expenses and building a more resilient campus.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Underway

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

August 2024

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.

Flagler College. Owner and Entity are the same.

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	Structural remodel of the residential spaces in the Ponce, which are required to preserve the National Historic Landmark building.	35,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		35,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Structural remodel of the residential spaces required to preserve the National Historic Landmark building.

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



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Complete renovation to the residential spaces in the Ponce and preservation of historic elements.

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

More than 400 students reside in the Ponce. Without the structural repairs, student will be unable to be housed in the Ponce. Additionally, the repairs allow the Ponce to remain open to the public for historic tours and the public use of the national historic landmark building.

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

Target population includes college students, K-12 students, and millions of annual visitors to St. Augustine/St. Johns County.

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

Improved quality of education - housing contracts for residential students. Improved graduation and retention rates. Florida K-12 students visiting the Ponce will continue to be able to learn about the history of Henry Flagler and his development of the East Coast Railway. Protect the general public from harm - ensuring the structural integrity of the building for residential students and members of the public visiting the Ponce. - measured using Florida Building Codes. Improved economic activity - work will create and sustain local construction jobs. Flagler's economic impact to the City of St. Augustine and the surrounding community is over \$200 million per year. - will be measured by periodic independent economic impact studies.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number