



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2825

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Historic Butler House 1923, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the last few remaining structures that belonged to one of Deerfield's most prominent and recognizable pioneer families. It was bequeathed to the Deerfield Beach Historical Society in 1977 with furnishings and period relics. The house is a hub for community activities, open to visitors, and its resource library protects and provides valuable archives for public research and viewing purposes. Full extent of damage and deterioration over the years was identified in a 2021 Historic Structures Report and Conditions Assessment by RJ Heisenbottle Architects. Support through the Local Funding Initiative will enable restoration to its original construction, architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems repair, and improved ADA accessibility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	275,000
Total State Funds Requested	275,000

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)	275,000	92%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000	8%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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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Community fundraising events and volunteers have been used for maintenance along with municipal support. However, with the completion of the Conditions Assessment and Recommendations Report, the state funding will ensure a timely and historically correct project that utilizes the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, securing an arts and culture destination unique to north Broward County.

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.

Federal assistance under the American Rescue Plan was received in 2020 - 2021, through the Division of Cultural Affairs Cares (\$4,518) and Florida Humanities Cares (\$18,500). Funds were used for essential operating expenses such as insurance premiums and to continue programming with CDC guidelines or virtual applications during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

The Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc., is the owner and operator of the Historic Butler House.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	The funds will restore architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Scope of work includes tile roof and structural rafter repair, small plumbing, electrical upgrade, HVAC replacement, interior finishings/fit outs, window repair, lighting/safety, shutter repair, platform/walkway construction for ADA/Code compliance and technology upgrades for archival preservation. Architectural/engineering services will be contracted with R.J. Heisenbottle Architects.	275,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		275,000

14. Program Performance

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

The rehabilitation will restore the historic integrity of the building as an anchor of the historic district, a house museum, and public office for the Deerfield Beach Historical Society. Upgrades will improve operation as a reference library for documents, pictures, and maps of historical significance to Deerfield Beach and Broward County. Access for those with physical challenges will meet ADA compliances.

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

Immediate services by the Historical Society to meet the primary goal of the rehabilitation will be provided through the collaborative efforts of the Directors to utilize their business networks which include expertise in historic restorations, archival preservation, and lighting systems. These efforts will be guided by the Architectural firm of R.J. Heisenbottle who conducted the third party assessment and recommendations report contracted by the organization. Subsequently, the public profile will strengthen as an anchor for the revitalization of the "old" downtown area, media coverage and on-site signage will encourage civic participation, acknowledge support, and expand knowledge of the organization's activities and community services.

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

Direct services include public and school tours, educational programming through recurring events, concerts and lectures, and accessibility to a resource library for research and archival preservation. In addition, the Historic Butler House and grounds will be available to civic and cultural organizations as well as private citizens for meetings, concerts, and family occasions. Free services include admission to Homestead Day tours, book signings, lectures, Memorial Day Commemoration, Smithsonian Museum Day, Black History Month Exhibitions, and Women in History Month. Accessibility enhancements will open the experience inclusively. Youth are offered community service opportunities and hours as a member of the Junior Historical Society.

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

Deerfield Beach records a population of almost 79,500 as of July 2019. 6,900 are enrolled students 18 years of age and under, 21% or 16,600 are senior citizens. Almost half or 47% of the population of Deerfield Beach is considered as minority. The 33441 zip code covers a major portion of the local population. The Intracoastal Waterway divides beachfront residents from the city proper. Specific audiences that the Deerfield Beach Historical Society seeks to build through increased public awareness of its historic stature and activities include "beach front" residents, families, seniors, and minority populations. Statewide, the organization will promote participation with destination events, "Hang Your Hat on Heritage Tourism". The current annual visitation is estimated at 12,350 people based on 10% of the population, 690 students and 3,600 tourists.

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

It is anticipated that the restoration will enrich the cultural experience, improve the quality of education, support a healthy business climate, motivate visitation and create immediate job opportunities. Enriching the experience includes showcasing the Historic Butler House restored to its original construction as an authentic tour talking point, available for inclusive exploration. The quality of education is improved visually and accurately. Archives are protected for generations to come. Businesses are supported by new audiences becoming customers in an active cultural sector and the compensations of presenting historic and cultural programs by the Historical Society. The rehabilitation will employ 42 craftsman, professional experts, and materials suppliers. Evaluation methods include activity registrations, event evaluation forms, participant reactions including social media comments, and feedback from tourist industries. The Project Manager records job opportunities.



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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 organization, Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc., will return the 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)
- 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