



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2886

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Acquisition, renovation, and preservation of the historic Priest Theatre located at 108575 N.W. 237th Street, High Springs, FL to bring it up to code and provide for the safety and accessibility to the general public. This landmark 1910 era building is situated in downtown High Springs adjacent to the historic Main Street District, the downtown Railway Avenue Greenway, and the adjacent cluster of historic buildings of that era.

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	1,040,450
Total State Funds Requested	1,040,450

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)	1,040,450	81%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	19%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,290,450	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.

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.



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\$3,094,274 received for lost revenues. Funds were used for infrastructure upgrades, extensions, and other capitol projects.

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?

January 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 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.

City of High Springs would be the owner and is the requesting 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		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	Purchase and renovation of Priest Theatre	1,040,450
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,040,450

14. Program Performance

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

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



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The fully restored Priest Theatre will be a community asset that will allow for a variety of uses locally to a primarily rural population offering municipal, educational, arts and cultural functions, and will serve to enrich common cultural experiences and directly impact draw to the historic downtown area and businesses.

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

This project would allow the historic Priest Theatre to be available to the public for cultural and arts events, pre-k through high school, and college educational events, exhibits, film screening and performances, and community educational programs and events that educate and support improving water quality and environmental conditions in a region home to the greatest concentration of springs in the world and one of the highest producing aquifers.

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

The target population is the general public to include elderly persons, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and college students.

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

Benefits of this project are enriched cultural experiences; improved quality of education; enhanced and improved awareness of the area's environmental landscape to include flora, fauna, and topography; increased economic activity; and increased tourism. Methodologies to be employed will include tracking of numbers of events and individuals attending/participating through attendance logs, ticket sales, and maintaining counts of events and polling area businesses for revenue changes associated with Priest Theatre activities.

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 city will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures should funding be made available.

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) Municipality



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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