



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1867

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project expands the historical programs and provides interactive educational opportunities for students and their families. It expands the battle re-enactments of WWII and provides historical background in interactive displays and lecture series that are offered free to the public. The battles portrayed will be representative of battles in both European and the Pacific Theaters. Programs will provide educational opportunities for students and families on Pearl Harbor, D-Day and 9/11. It will add interactive displays to the current static displays. The museum will host a WWII History Conference in conjunction with Polk State College. This project erects a 20'x15' Pergola that serves both practical and decorative purposes, providing a comfortable retreat from the sun while maintaining a connection to the surrounding environment of outdoor exhibits.
 This project replaces the antiquated display cases with larger, secure modern ones.

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 | 135,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 15,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 150,000 |

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) | 150,000 | 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 | 150,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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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 |
|--|--|----------------|
| 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 | Purchase and installation of 17 modern display cases | 135,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Construction of 20'x15' pergola | 15,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 150,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will provide public historical programs and interactive educational opportunities for Tampa Bay students and their families. The Pergola provides shade, reducing the risk of sun-related health issues, and a shaded comfort area for visitors by creating an inviting focal point for gatherings and relaxation. The investment in upgraded display cases and interactive displays reflects a commitment to the museum's mission of preserving military history, fostering education, and enriching the visitor experience by presenting artifacts in an informative and visually captivating manner. This will allow the museum to rotate exhibits and provide new experiences for return visitors.

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

The museum will provide battle re-enactments of WWII, programs honoring Pearl Harbor, D-Day, 9/11 and a lecture series of historical battles and military equipment design and development. The activities for citizens with access to a Pergola focus on enhancing well-being. By offering shaded areas, sun exposure risks are mitigated and promote outdoor activities without compromising health. Investing in state-of-the-art cases and interactive displays enriches the community's understanding of history, fostering a sense of pride and connection. The museum will host a WWII History Conference with the Polk State College. These direct services aim to create a dynamic and enlightening museum environment for citizens to explore and appreciate.

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

The museum will provide public historical programs and interactive educational opportunities for students and their families free of charge. Pergola services benefit citizens by actively contributing to the physical and social welfare by creating inviting spaces for relaxation, events, and community engagement. Visitors will benefit directly as new cases and interactive displays allow the delivery of an enriching experience for citizens by preserving and presenting military-related treasures with utmost care. Citizens benefit from a heightened understanding of military history making the museum a dynamic hub for learning, appreciation, and community pride. This service and the WWII History Conference reflects a commitment to preserving and sharing military legacies for generations.

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

Last year the events received over 8,000 visitors from the US, Canada, and several European and South American Countries. The museum caters to a diverse audience interested in military history, attracting enthusiasts, scholars, and the public alike. Military history aficionados find a rich tapestry of exhibits detailing historic battles, weaponry, and strategic innovations, satisfying their thirst for in-depth knowledge. Scholars are drawn to the museum's curated archives, offering valuable research material for academic pursuits. The local public and ROTC Cadets, curious about their collective past, discover a captivating narrative that connects them to the sacrifices, triumphs, and evolution of armed forces.

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

With the described improvements, a growing visitor base should be possible. This will increase visitors to the area. Moreover, a larger audience contributes to a vibrant and dynamic museum atmosphere, creating a sense of community and shared interest. An increased number of visitors augurs well for the museum's mission of educating, inspiring, and preserving military history. The museum will analyze the sign-in register to determine how many people visit and if they are local or out of state. Metrics reveal that annual visitors have increased substantially in the last five years.

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 contractor has worked for the City of Zephyrhills in the past and his record is excellent. A one month delay will not affect the overall project.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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