



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1979

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse sits on the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. This iconic structure has been standing for over 155 years as a symbol of the rich maritime history of the region. This request is for Phase 2 of this project to complete the reconstruction of the keepers' cottages. Phase 1 reconstructed the Head Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage in 2019. Phase 2 will reconstruct the 1st and 2nd Assistant Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages. The 1st Cottage will be used both to show how Floridians lived on the Cape from 1890-1930 and to tell the stories of other early settlers on the Cape including the indigenous peoples. The 2nd Cottage will be an experiential and learning facility with interactive and immersive exhibits and displays. All the plans and designs for the Phase 2 buildings were completed during Phase 1 which also included the installation of the infrastructure necessary to build the Phase 2 cottages. Phase 2 is ready to commence as soon as funding is received.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	650,000
Total State Funds Requested	650,000

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)	650,000	81%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	800,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years		250,000		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.**
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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.

\$15,000 was received from CARES Act funds, administered through Brevard County. The money was used to make up for lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic, when the facility was shut down for 7 months.

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.

The Space Launch Delta 45 (SLD 45) owns the property on the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS) and has leased the area around the lighthouse to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF). CCLF supports SLD 45 to interpret and preserve the lighthouse. CCLF owns any buildings built on the property under this agreement, other than the lighthouse and oil house, which are considered historic artifacts.

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	Construction of the two remaining historically significant Lighthouse Keepers' cottages.	650,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		650,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The completion of the light station cottages in Phase 2 will allow the facility to interpret and highlight Florida history and the role of local citizens and the state in the Space Program and maritime traditions. These buildings will allow for the expansion and enrichment the educational program and outreach to schools in central Florida and to draw additional tourists to the area.

The lighthouse will be part of the major initiative to make the Cape Canaveral area a new tourist destination. The Cape Canaveral Space Force Museum is planning to construct a new "Space Force Experience" building outside the gate, directly accessible by the public, with regular bus service onto the Cape to include stops at the Lighthouse. This will significantly increase visitation. Along with these plans the Brevard Zoo is planning to build an Aquarium nearby. The Cape Canaveral area (including the lighthouse) will become an even more significant cultural destination.

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

CCLF will select a contractor from multiple bids to complete the construction of the last two cottages and will oversee construction and ensure the project remains on track. When construction is completed and a certificate of occupancy is awarded, CCLF will begin implementing the plans for completing the interior of the cottages to make the buildings and exhibits available to the public. Note that the effort and cost associated with completing the interiors is outside the scope of this funding request and will be separately funded by CCLF.

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

Visitors to the lighthouse are able to climb up to the 5th level and tour the adjacent oil house. The Phase 1 Head Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage contains the museum and gift shop. On a self-guided tour, visitors are able to learn the history of both lighthouses on the Cape, as well as their role in helping to establish the Space Program at Cape Canaveral. With the addition of the 1st Assistant Keeper's Cottage, visitors will learn about indigenous peoples, life during the heyday of the lighthouse, how the keepers and their families lived, and how the surrounding community grew and thrived until the Space Program required their relocation. In the 2nd Assistant Keeper's Cottage, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in educational and informative interactive experiences to teach in more depth the history of the lighthouse, how it works, and its role in the Space Program. This will be designed as a hands-on experience, especially helpful for teaching younger visitors.

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

There are over 606,000 people living in Brevard County, with over 24.4 million visitors in 2022. CCLF estimates the lighthouse had over 10,000 visitors in 2022 and we are on track to significantly exceed that in 2023. Local schools have found it difficult to resume field trips after COVID but the upcoming 2023-2024 school year may be more favorable. CCLF has been working with the Brevard Public Schools to offer a lighthouse tour, which includes a large component of space history and current space endeavors as an alternative to a longer field trip to St. Augustine. In 2023-2024, CCLF is targeting a specific demographic of out-of-county Floridians as being the typical Space Coast visitor. They are within driving distance, coming from Orlando, Tampa, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Jacksonville. In subsequent years, CCLF will be targeting out-of-state visitors, mainly from New York, Atlanta, Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Boston.

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

CCLF expects to increase attendance with more for visitors to see and experience. CCLF especially expects to attract more education field trips, providing them with a more complete and enjoyable experience. CCLF tracks several metrics year over year to see how its performing. These metrics are tracked on a monthly and year-to-date basis, as well as in comparison to the same month(s) the prior year. One of the key set of metrics is the number of tours and the number of visitors identified by how they visit, including van tours, group tours, school tours, and major events. In addition, there is a Post-Tour Survey. These surveys gather feedback on the features of the tours, logistics, demographics of visitors, and how they heard about CCLF. CCLF will continue to utilize these metrics, comparing past performance prior to the construction of the cottages, with post-project completion performance.

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?

Withhold payment until compliance.



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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