



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1676

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge F&AM, PHA, founded in 1870, has an incredibly rich history. The purpose of the funding is for the renovation and restoration of its 43,000 sq ft historically designated headquarters building built in 1913. The building serves as a community facility that houses various initiatives seeking to improve the lives of underrepresented and economically disadvantaged Floridians across the state and particularly in Duval County. Direct services provided to citizens within the facility include Veterans Affairs, youth development, healthcare, and arts and culture. The organization's ability to provide increased services will be greatly enhanced when the historical site is restored and renovated.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	48%
Other	50,000	3%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,550,000	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.

In lieu of state funding, the project will be supported by participant fees and grants for the programs housed within the facility.

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



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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

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funding will be used for the planning, engineering, and construction costs associated with the building restoration and renovation.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding is for the renovation and restoration of its 43,000 sq ft historically designated headquarters building built in 1913. The building serves as a community facility that houses various initiatives seeking to improve the lives of underrepresented and economically disadvantaged Floridians across the state and Duval County.



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

All funds will be used for the planning, restoration, and renovation of the 43,000 sq/ft historically designated building.

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

Direct services provided to citizens include Veterans Affairs, youth development, healthcare, and arts and culture.

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

The organization expects to serve approximately 2,000 people annually. Including: elderly persons; persons with poor mental health; persons with poor physical health; jobless persons; economically disadvantaged persons; at-risk youth; homeless; developmentally disabled; physically disabled; and students at all levels.

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

There are several benefits or outcomes that will be realized by the expenditure of the requested funds. A few of the benefits and outcomes include: (1.) Community education and outreach initiatives that will improve participants physical and mental health; (2.) Enriched cultural experience and quality of education, resulting in an increased knowledge of black history, particularly as it relates to the cultural practices and political influences that shaped Florida and the role members of the organization played in impacting Florida history; and (3.) Increased and improved economic activity and tourism due to an increase in visitors to the historic site and the immediate economic impact resulting from the jobs created by the renovation/construction project. The outcomes will be measured by data collection methodologies such as surveys, records of attendance, and pre- and post- questionnaires.

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?

Failure to meet performance measures or contract deliverables will result in corrective action plans and/or other financial penalties.

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



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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