



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1176

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Rosewood Memory Park Project will tell the story of the Rosewood Massacre which took place in January of 1923. The Project will result in the development of a walking trail along 5 acres which are dissected by railroad tracks that supported a train that carried Rosewood residents to safety in Gainesville in 1923. Interpretive signs will be constructed to describe the lives of Rosewood residents before and after 1923.

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	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000
Total State Funds Requested	120,000

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)	120,000	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	120,000	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.

Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the USDA Park Service could be used.

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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/8/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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 Miami Center for Racial Justice will be the owner to receive any fixed capital outlay funding . The Miami Center for Racial Justice is the requester and recipient of the Rosewood Memory Park Program funding request.

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	Equipment will be contracted to clear the site for the Rosewood Memory Park. Contractors with experience in excavation and land clearance will be hired.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A vendor will be selected to fabricate interpretive signs.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Park benches, bathrooms and a gazebo will be constructed. A working farm will be planted.	60,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Rosewood Memory Park Project will create a restful outdoor environment that will honor individuals who were slain in Rosewood in January of 1923. The massacre of members of the African American community in Rosewood resulted from the assault of a woman who claimed that her assailant was black. This sparked riots which led to the elimination of a once prosperous town in Levy County.



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

The land on 5 acres of the community that once was home to a thriving African American community in Rosewood will be cleared of overgrown shrubs and vegetation. The land will be cultivated to support construction of a gazebo on the site which can be used for gatherings to focus on the history of Rosewood. In addition, park benches and bathrooms will be constructed in the park. Students from nearby educational institutions such as Florida A&M University and the University of Florida will be engaged to plan and plant a Rosewood Memory Park garden which will highlight the agricultural practices that sustained the residents of the community before it was destroyed.

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

Interpretive signs will recount the history of Rosewood, activities of the townspeople, and the 1923 Massacre. A Memory Park farm will provide produce that can be shared with community residents and individuals interested in a farmer's market. The Memory Park will serve as a gathering place for individuals interested in history, social science, the environment, agriculture and civics.

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

The target population will be students, State residents, tourists and educators interested in the environment and cultural understanding. Students in Florida's 67 counties will be provided information on the Memory Park and invited for visits. Students from the agricultural departments of educational institutions will be engaged to plant a community garden at the Rosewood Memory Park.

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

The Rosewood Memory Park will offer free year-round admission to individuals who wish to engage in reflection to gather to learn about this obscured Florida history. The Memory Park will provide a site for gatherings for community programs and events.

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?

A clawback of funds could be a penalty.

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



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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