



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1619

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

## 4. Project/Program Description

The SWC and its acclaimed Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles has launched a fleet of Mobile Museums of Tolerance (MMOT) in Illinois, Canada, New York, and California. One grant is to request funds to purchase and retrofit two MMOT's for the state of Florida.

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	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

## 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)	2,500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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\$2,768,913 was received. The funds were used for payroll, rent and utilities.

## 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)?

No

#### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2023

#### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2023

### 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.

Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc.  
1399 S Roxbury Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Will provide educational underpinnings for the MMOT

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase and retrofit of two MMOT's	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Over the last several years, there has been a historic rise in acts of intolerance and biased-based hate crimes. The Mobile Museum of Tolerance ("MMOT") is the Simon Wiesenthal Center's newest educational initiative and tool created to combat these acts. The first-of-its-kind in the United States, the MMOT is a free traveling human rights education center, which brings a message of tolerance directly to schools and communities across the state of Illinois.



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

The MMOT inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to use their voices to speak up against bullying, racism, antisemitism, hate and intolerance, and to promote human dignity. The MMOT is an inventive approach to community outreach bringing the museum field trip directly to the community.

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

Through workshops on topics including Civil Rights, the Holocaust, bullying, and the dangers of hate on social media; students, educators, and community members will not only be educated, they will be moved. This is when learning is most effective - when it illuminates and guides who we are.

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

In addition to serving middle and highschool students, the MMOT is an educational resource for teachers, faith groups, law enforcement agencies, government leaders, and the community at large.

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

The MMOT hopes to inspire Floridians to stand up to hate and strive to make a positive social change.

**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?**

Return the money back to the state

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name** Rabbi Meyer H. **Last Name** May  
**b. Organization** Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc.  
**c. E-mail Address** rabbimay@wiesenthal.com  
**d. Phone Number** (310)772-2424 **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization** Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc. (Los Angeles, California)  
**b. Municipality and County** Miami-Dade  
**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** Rabbi Meyer H. **Last Name** May



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number