



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1206

1. Title of Project: Preservation of the St. Augustine Lighthouse Tower

2. Senate Sponsor: Travis Hutson

3. Date of Submission: 01/28/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Preservation of the 145 year old St. Augustine Lighthouse tower (one of six historic buildings on site) is continuous. The museum invests some \$500,000 every five or six years in restoration activities to maintain an original tower restoration that began in 1980 and lasted through 1995. Some 16 women, volunteers in the Junior Service League of St. Augustine, adopted the project and literally turned back the bulldozers. Today, a non-profit museum with a community based board of trustees owns and operates the facility with no federal operations support. The lighthouse needs to be re-painted on the inside of the 165 foot tall, lighthouse tower and will also be re-coated and stabilize metal work associated with the tower base, and in so doing assure that it can remain open for safe climbing and operations that support the museum's non-profit mission and activities. This work has not been completed in 25 years.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of State

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	199,043
Fixed Capital Outlay	285,585
Total State Funds Requested	484,628

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	484,628	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	484,628	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The cost of closing the tower for two to three weeks to paint during a slow time of year is \$199,043.33.	199,043
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Painting of the inside of the Lighthouse Tower and metal restoration. Will work with recognized restoration experts and architect to comply with SHPO requirements.	285,585
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		484,628

11. Program Performance:

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

Preservation of the St. Augustine Lighthouse is continuous. The museum invests some \$500,000 every five or six years in restoration activities to maintain work that began in 1980 when 16 women, volunteers in the Junior Service League, turned back the bulldozers. Re-painting and repairing masonry and metal work is necessary inside of the 165 foot tall, St. Augustine lighthouse tower, which will turn 145 years old this October. The project includes re-coating and surfacing masonry and metal stairs, handrails, walls, and a metal cornice at the base of the tower exterior to stop water intrusion. While a regular maintenance program exists, this work requires closing completely and has not been completed in total since 1994.

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

The museum will pay for and support all staff oversight of the project. Staff have already researched the needs of the project and updated the Historic Structures Report according to the Secretary of the Interiors Standards. Outcomes will be reported to the National Park Service annually under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act even though no federal financial operating support is received. The lighthouse will continue to provide cultural, social, and economic returns for St. Johns County. The lighthouse holds in trust 19,000 objects, specimens, and archival records, some of which are owned by the State of Florida and 2,000 of which represent the regions' WWII heritage. US Coast Guard, then in the Department of the US Navy trained in St. Augustine and served at the light station to help defend our nation. The museum saves this heritage and provides free admission to all active military all year long.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?



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The project will provide economic impact by direct, indirect, and induced means as well as provide the preservation of one of the oldest light stations in America. The Americans for the Arts calculator shows St. Augustine Lighthouse Museum economic activity from direct, indirect, and induced means as: \$10,270,655 in annual economic input including, 319 FTEs (49 direct jobs), \$6,369,199 in household income, \$439,481 in local government revenue, and \$5,603,631 in state revenue.

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

The general population of Florida will benefit. The museum serves 216,000 plus visitors a year, and 47 percent of these are from Florida. Other specific populations also benefit. The museum serves families and approximately 47,000 school age children annually. The team feeds homeless and at-risk youth that are scholarship recipients to summer and winter camps. Food is sent home in partnership with other organizations during summer break and work with St. Johns County schools to develop who receives scholarships. These programs have been shown to stop summer slide in education. Generally 30-40 percent of our camp populations are at risk. The lighthouse also provides civic engagement for 266 active volunteers most of whom are senior citizens but some of which are also high school students. They in turn provide the museum with up to \$400,000 annually in volunteer services in kind. Civic engagement and activity have been shown to provide health benefits for seniors in study after study.

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

Continued ability to use the lighthouse tower, the oldest brick structure in St. Augustine, FL, to support non-profit museum operations and to continue to provide social and economic services to all Florida counties. Project economists customized an input-output economic model for each of the similarly populated communities, providing very specific data on employment, household income, and government revenue. This highly-regarded type of economic analysis has been the basis for two Nobel Prizes in economics. The models are systems of mathematical equations that combine statistical methods and economic theory in an area of study called econometrics. The analysis traces how many times a dollar is re-spent.
<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/arts-economic-prosperity-5/use/arts-economic-prosperity-5-calculator>.

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 in the contract?

Refund of any monies that are appropriated. However, the museum has never had a problem with grant or appropriation compliance.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum owns this facility. The tower and original Fresnel lens and lamp was given to by the US Coast Guard through the NPS and GSA in 2002 under a new federal preservation law designed to save the USCG time and money as well as to preserve the heritage. While officially without the museum the light would go out, mariners still use it for guidance. We receive no federal operating support.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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