



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1436

1. Title of Project: Schooner Western Union State Flagship Restoration

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

To complete the restoration of the State Flagship the Schooner Western Union. The restoration is approximately 50 percent completed. The extent of the work required to return the Western Union to USCG standards for passenger vessels were not fully understood at the beginning of the restoration process. Once the restoration is completed, the schooner will be fully restored and prepared to carry passengers for the foreseeable future with adequate regular maintenance and refits paid for by operations.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,193,550
Total State Funds Requested	1,243,550

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)	1,243,550	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	1,243,550	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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	For the boat captain to oversee and assist in the restoration process in the boatyard	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	To complete the restoration of the Schooner Western Union that is approximately 50 percent complete. Tasks include mechanical repairs, spar and foremast replacement, hull repairs, rerigging, general carpentry, etc.	1,193,550
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,243,550

11. Program Performance:

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

The State Flagship, the Schooner Western Union, is one of the most important operating artifacts of Florida's maritime history. It is the lead contributor to the historic nature of the character of the Key West Bight. By sailing on her, thousands of Floridians and visitors have become educated and appreciative of Florida's maritime heritage. The restoration should be completed to save the flagship for future generations.

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

Daily sunset and stargazer cruises combined with daytime education cruises and charters will embark more than 12,000 passengers annually.

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

Education about maritime history and experience on-board a classic wooden schooner whose type were crucial to the economy of Florida in the years before railroads and dependable automotive roads.

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

Floridians and visitors to Key West, particularly students and youth groups, who experience sailing on a classic wooden schooner, listening to historical narration by the captain, and participate in crew responsibilities such as hoisting and lowering the sails. The schooner embarked more than 12,000 passengers annually when sailing.

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

Preserving Florida's maritime heritage and educating Floridians and visitors about the important role maritime commerce has played in Florida history.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

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 Schooner Western Union is owned by the Schooner Western Union Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) with an unpaid, volunteer board. The only employees are the professional mariners who captain and crew the schooner when sailing.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Schooner Western Union Preservation Society
- b. **County:** Monroe
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
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