



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1537

**1. Title of Project:** Preservation of Historical Florida Cracker House (LRJF)

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Debbie Mayfield

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The defined project is the physical move, placement, and ongoing preservation of the Laura Riding Jackson (Poet) Home, a 1910 Cracker House and Pole Barn. It is being moved from the Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso, Florida, to the Indian River State College (Vero Campus) which is a 12 mile journey.

**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	100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**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)	150,000	49.95%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	47,000	15.65%
Other	103,300	34.40%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>300,300</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Moving Company	50,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction contractors; landscaping; surveyors; architectural work; utility work related to the move of the house and new site; East Coast Railway; signage for new location; revamping of parking and curbs for ADA at Indian River State College (IRSC).	100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The purpose is relocation and preservation of the 1910 historic Florida Cracker home, the almost 50 year residence of an internationally acclaimed U.S. poet, from its current location to the campus of the Indian River State College. This move is necessitated by the cancellation of the lease at the Environmental Learning Center but will increase educational and tourism opportunities related to Florida history, early residents' responses to environmental/sustainability conditions, and enhance the advancement of writing activities in the community for children, youth, and adults.

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

The move of the 1910 Florida Cracker house and Pole Barn from its 25 year site at the Environmental Learning Center to the Indian River State College (Mueller campus).

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

Tours of the home are provided; writers visit the home to write; IRSC faculty will conduct activities for their students in english, history, architecture, design, and environmental conditions; the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation will continue to offer public events to enhance the value of writing for citizens as a way to understand their place in the world.

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

All citizens of the Treasure Coast, as well as increased visibility and accessibility for all residents and tourists to the state of Florida. 50,000 people annually are expected.

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

The major benefit is the education of citizens based on the historical preservation of this Florida Cracker House and 50 year residence of an internationally acclaimed poet, Laura Riding Jackson. The Laura Riding Jackson house is an example of a disappearing architectural style and a symbol of a more environmentally sensitive way of life. Constructed in 1910, it serves as a good example of Florida's historic "cracker" style of vernacular



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architecture and will be an increased draw for tourism to the state of Florida. Currently 5,000 people visit the house annually and it is anticipated to increase to 50,000 people visiting the house in its new location at IRSC.

- 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?**

Return all state appropriated funds if project is not completed or misses contract deadlines.

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 Laura Riding Jackson Foundation owns the house and pole barn and has maintained the home since 1993 when they moved it to the Environmental Learning Center from its original homesite in Wabasso. The State of Florida owns the campus at IRSC which has leased ground to LRJF for the house and pole barn.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Laura Riding Jackson Foundation
- b. **County:** Indian River
- 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**

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