



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2049

1. **Title of Project:** Jacksonville - Freedom Park

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/23/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Freedom Park will be dedicated to two groups with strong ties to Jacksonville. The park will recognize Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the Gullah Geechee. Additionally, Freedom Park will create an entry feature into the National Heritage Corridor and Fort Caroline National Memorial. These locations are national assets and important to the history and culture of the area.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	521,855
Total State Funds Requested	521,855

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)	521,855	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	521,855	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 Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The park site furnishings will be created and placed to provide an enclosing space. The walkways are designed to create a continuous loop system. The plantings will help screen and buffer the roadways, and provide shade and beauty. A sculpture will be located at the corner of Monument and Ft. Caroline Road. This site offers a good location for wayfinding and is large enough to provide elegant space to tell the story of these distinctive two groups.	521,855
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		521,855

11. Program Performance:

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

Freedom Park will give veterans with PTSD a place to be recognized. Additionally, the park will tell the story of the Gullah Geechee, direct descendants of Africans that were brought to the United States as slaves.

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

This site offers a good location for wayfinding and is large enough to provide elegant space to tell the story of these distinctive two groups. Best practices in healing garden design will be used to create a safe inviting place for PTSD veterans.

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

The direct services to be provided are twofold. Veterans with PTSD comprise between ten and twenty percent (10-20%) of the veteran population, with rates as high as twenty five percent for women. The park will be a healing landscape to honor PTSD veterans. Also, the creation of Freedom Park would become the first public area in Jacksonville to recognize and explain the story of Gullah Geechee.

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

General population

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

Freedom Park will provide a safe and inviting place for PTSD veterans and increase the amount of African and African American Curriculum available to residents and visitors, to pursue the goal of the Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force.



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- 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?**

The agreement will be terminated.

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.**

Local government

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- b. **County:** Duval
- 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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