



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1346

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is the Bill Nygren Buggy Collection. An expansion of the Museum of Seminole County History is being built to house a permanent exhibit of a rare collection of 32 historical American horse-drawn carriages called "buggies" which date from 1795 to 1910. A buggy, a type of carriage, is a two- or four-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle that was the common mode of transportation before the automobile. The focus of the buggy exhibit will show the technological innovations that evolved in carriage construction during the Industrial Revolution that eventually led to the development of the automobile, and the secondary narrative of the evolution from hand-crafted, individual craftsmanship to machine-manufactured parts from the 1700s to 1800s. The exhibit will address at least 15 Common Core standards of Florida Fourth Grade History requirements. It will be the only carriage exhibit of its kind in the State of Florida, with interactive and interpretive elements for a broad audience.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	25,000
Total State Funds Requested	25,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	25,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	25,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	50,000	100%

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.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds requested to renovate an existing building at 300 Eslinger Way, Building 302, Sanford, FL 32773. Funds will be used to facilitate the display of a permanent exhibit for the Nygren Buggy Collection. Planned renovations include drywall installation, HVAC upgrade, flooring, lighting, painting, and installation of ADA compliant doors. This 40-year-old building is 3,000 square feet adjacent to the Museum of Seminole County History. This is a one-time request.	25,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,000

12. Program Performance

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

These funds will allow preservation and display of 32 American-made buggies dating from 1795 to 1910 that catalogue American transportation history and demonstrate the evolution of manufacturing from hand-made to mass production. During the Industrial Revolution, improvements in the systems of these buggies (i.e. brakes, suspension, steering) prepared the way for the horseless carriage and the modern automobile. The collection is also literally a timeline physically manifested representing the evolution of Florida from its colonial roots until the modern era and shows how settlers immigrated to Florida. The display will tell the story so modern Floridians know how far the state has come.

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

The museum expansion will add to the MSCH's collections by adding 3,000 square feet of exhibit space. Special programs on transportation and migration patterns in US and Florida history, buggy history, and preservation of historical artifacts will be implemented using Public History and Public Archaeology methodologies. This is the only collection of its kind in the State of Florida and is of national scope with its inclusion of buggies from North Carolina, New York, Nebraska, and other states. Classes and educational curriculum designed to focus on STEM methodologies will also be designed to complement the exhibit.

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



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Historical education opportunities will be provided for pre-K students, K-12 students, undergraduate students, and graduate students as well as public school teachers in need of continuing education hours. New museum exhibits (both permanent and temporary) will provide additional cultural immersion opportunities for visitors (local residents and tourists). Visitors to the museum will also have the opportunity to learn about historical preservation techniques by the work of professional conservators. Museum services and public programming opportunities will also increase and expand.

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

The target populations that will be served by this project are as follows: visitors to the Museum of Seminole County History (approximately 3,500 to 4,500 annually); Seminole County residents; tourists to Seminole County and the Central Florida region; students of public, private, and charter schools; participants from day care groups and senior citizen groups; community and service groups (EX. Boys and Girl Scouts of America); and historical and anthropological groups (EX. the Altamonte Historical Society, the Longwood Historical Society, the Society of Historic Casselberry, the Lake Mary Historical Society, the Geneva Historical Society, etc.).

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

The expected benefits/outcomes of this project are as follows: A.) Cultural Resource Management successfully preserving the artifacts of the Nygren Buggy Collection (32 historic buggies); B.) Annual increase in attendance at the Museum of Seminole County History by 10%-15%; C.) increased tourism rates in Seminole County; and, D.) raised visibility of the museum and Seminole County government. These outcomes will be through tracked publicity rankings in print and social media and evaluation public opinion forms completed by visitors to the museum.

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?

Standard contract penalties will be sufficient.

13. 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.

The Museum of Seminole County History and proposed expansion site (Building 302) are owned and managed by Seminole County Government.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

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 Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number