



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1541

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project requests funds to support the renovation of the Leon County Historic Amtrak Station. Requested funds would primarily support preservation activities to correct structural and building envelope deficiencies of the historic structure which was originally constructed in the 1850s. The restored building will serve as the future home of the Tallahassee-Leon County Visitor Information Center as well as a public venue for local events, arts and history exhibits, government activities, supporting local tourism development efforts, and showcasing local history and heritage.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,000,000	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.

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



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

\$51.2 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds from FDEM - public health expenditures, housing/utility assistance, local business assistance, etc. (as provided in the CARES Act).

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	The renovation of the building will correct structural and building envelope deficiencies including asbestos and lead paint mitigation, wood floor structural system failures, solid brick masonry foundation failures, and moisture intrusion due to decayed wood trim and failing wood windows. Also exterior renovations to include removal of non-historic elements.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The rehabilitation of the Leon County Historic Amtrak Station will support the adaptive reuse of the property to serve as a vibrant centerpiece of the community that connects both residents and visitors alike to the area's history and heritage.

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

The restored Historic Amtrak Station will provide a public venue for local events and arts and history exhibits as well as government and community activities. The new Tallahassee-Leon County Visitor Information Center at the Leon County Historic Amtrak Station will generate significant visitation as the starting point for many local/regional touring activities. The site will include a historical display to educate the public on the significance of the building, its builders, the cultural history of the period and area, and the railroad station's role in the development of Tallahassee and Florida's capital region.

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

As the hub for "Visit Tallahassee" Welcome Center, the restored building will be the future home of the visitor information center and tourism offices for Florida's Capital Region. In addition, the restored building will provide event space for community gatherings, a community theater, and exhibits that showcase local history and heritage.

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

This project will benefit all residents of Leon County, as well as the 2.4 million visitors traveling to Leon County annually.

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



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This project will serve as an important community resource that better connects residents and visitors to Leon County's history and heritage, which can be measured by foot-traffic levels at the Visitor Information Center and tourism offices, number of various events hosted at the community gathering room, ticket sales, and activities at the cinema.

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?

Deobligation of funds.

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.

Leon 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