



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1904

1. Project Title Exterior Restoration of the Historic Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center - Phase 1 - Fort Myers

2. Senate Sponsor Kathleen Passidomo

3. Date of Request 12/06/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Phase 1 of the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former post office, now the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, will re-point and repair the historic stone facade and cracking exterior, repaint, and seal appropriate areas. The entire exterior of the historic building has never been maintained and is in desperate need of cleaning, re-pointing, and in some cases repair. Because of decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a post office, then federal building, the exterior has started to crumble.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of State

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		500,000	3153A	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

None available.

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

Yes



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

PPP loans totalling \$160,000
SVOG \$203,314.90
Funds were used primarily for employee retention, salaries, and operations.

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	Cleaning, repair, and repointing of delicate historic facade; reworking of historic original window frames; re-pointing of plaster exterior; restoration of historic loggia; grounds work, irrigation, and landscaping; resurfacing parking lot; creation of education signage denoting the historical significance.	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?

Funds would allow for the exterior restoration of the historic 1933 former United States Post Office, now the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. The entire exterior of the historic building has never been maintained and is in desperate need of cleaning, re-pointing, and repair. Because of decades of deferred maintenance from its years as a post office, then federal building, the exterior has started to crumble, jeopardizing historic features and allowing for weather intrusion into the structure.

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

Professional preservation and restoration will be utilized to restore the historic building, compliant with the State of Florida Historic Preservation Office.

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

Funding request is for a fixed capital outlay. No direct services are being provided to citizens.

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

Lee, Collier, and Charlotte Counties will benefit from saving this historic treasure. The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center currently has approximately 150,000 visitors 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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Complete restoration of contributing site to the National Historic District. Professional restoration company will repair, re-point, clean, and preserve the exterior of the multidisciplinary Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. Exterior restoration of the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center will enrich the cultural experience in southwest Florida, improve local economic activity, and preserve local historical resources.

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?

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures will require Florida Arts, Inc., to be in default of its agreement with the State of Florida and would, therefore, forfeit or return any grant funds to the State of Florida.

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.

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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