



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2050

1. Project Title Charlotte County William R. Gaines, Jr. Veteran's Memorial Park - Beirut Peacekeepers Memorial Tower

2. Senate Sponsor Joe Gruters

3. Date of Request 01/03/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Honoring the 241 Marines, sailors, and soldiers who died on October 23, 1983. The Beirut Peacekeepers Memorial Tower will stand at 45 feet in a Charlotte County park's center. It includes three stories of interactive educational displays. The tower structure pulls proportions and includes 3 elevated levels and a mass concrete exoskeleton. A key goal in the design was to bring those who experience the memorial to a place of remembrance and elevated awareness, through history informed architecture.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	78%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	580,000	22%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,580,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

ARP funding plan has not yet been approved; however, the county has received \$36,693,553, which will be used for economic recovery, public health and public safety, intergovernmental assistance, and contract health and human services.

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	Building and construction for the Beirut Peacekeepers Memorial Tower.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

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

Outdoor accessible recreation activities for families and individuals; veterans / first responder memorial activities.

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

Residents and visitors of all ages.

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

The tower's educational panels tell visitors about the peacekeeping role of the military and first responders. Learning about the sacrifice others make to protect freedom improves how people feel about their community. It also helps veterans and Gold Star families know their loved ones are remembered and appreciated for their service and sacrifices.



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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 the contract?

Nonpayment of invoices.

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