



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2409

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Westchester Cultural Arts Center is a new cultural facility in west Miami-Dade County located at the entrance to Tropical Park. The funds are necessary to purchase essential theatrical equipment and furnishings, specifically LED theatrical lighting and black box house perimeter track and curtains. Funds also will be used to provide scholarships for arts education training at the center for students who cannot afford this and to launch affordable music and dance programming for the public.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	280,000
Total State Funds Requested	380,000

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)	380,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	380,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	760,000	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.

\$2,573,254,804.94 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers, and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities. A number of these are reimbursements and have not yet been received and others are not yet fully distributed.

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	Student scholarships.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Music and dance performances.	70,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	LED theatrical lighting (ETC Source 4 LED Series, ETC Selador D60 Vivid 12, 12 LED Bars, 2 follow spot -Reference TR-101): \$80,000 Black box house perimeter track and curtains (H&H 500 Series track - Reference TR-103) : \$200,000	280,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		380,000

12. Program Performance

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

Two important goals will be achieved with the requested funds:

1. Children from low-income families will have the opportunity to participate in arts education and skills training with the assistance of scholarships.
2. The center will be more accessible and cost less for nonprofit organizations to use as a result of not having to rent lighting and theatrical curtains for performances.

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

A scholarship program will be launched using state funds to eliminate the costs to children from low-income families. The rental rate structure for nonprofit organizations to use the center will reflect the more affordable and reduced costs attributable to the in-house lighting and theater equipment purchased and owned by the center.

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

Affordable and accessible arts classes and training will be available to families that would not otherwise be able to pay for these opportunities. Ticket prices to music, theater, dance, and community events will be even more affordable due to the reduced costs for presenting performances and activities at the fully equipped center.

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

The Westchester Cultural Arts Center is the only arts facility in the western area of Miami-Dade County. While it will serve the immediate population of the Westchester area, its outstanding programs will attract attendance by residents throughout Miami-Dade County and visitors to the community. It is anticipated that annual attendance will be approximately 15,000 people.



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

The Westchester Cultural Arts Center will be able to serve all people regardless of their means and offer performing arts programs equitably to the public. The center will assess the outcome by attendance figures, visitor surveys, and comparative analysis of fees and prices with other venues of its size.

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?

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs has a flawless track record for meeting its performance measures and for fulfilling the objectives required for local, state, and federal funding support. Standard contract penalties are 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.

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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