



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1225

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As Martin County continues to grow and the arts continue to enrich community life, it is time for MartinArts to establish a larger, more comprehensive infrastructure; one that will incubate and support the arts so that organizations and artists can thrive and become self-sustaining. MartinArts has signed an "Intent to Lease" with Martin County School District for the historic Stuart High School. This \$19.8 million project will bring this historic building back to life as a new central arts hub.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
	0	0		

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

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



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MartinArts received \$45,360 and it was used 100% for payroll/staff retention expenses.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/2025

12. List 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 owner of the facility is the Martin County School District. The Arts Foundation for Martin County (dba MartinArts), a 501(c)3 organization, has an existing "Intent to Lease" agreement with the MCSD and is negotiating a long-term (no fewer than 50 year) lease.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architectural Fees including Design Development and Contract Documents; Acoustician Planning and Design; Historic Architectural Services; Pre-Construction Land & Utilities Preparation.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

As Martin County continues to grow and the arts continue to enrich community life, it is time for MartinArts to establish a larger, more comprehensive infrastructure; one that will incubate and support the arts so that organizations and artists can thrive and become self-sustaining. A \$19.8 million project will bring this historic building back to life as a new central arts hub that will assist our community attract and retain talent and builds a sense of place.

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



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It will be a backbone for the arts, supporting organizations, and individual artists to have access to a beautiful, centrally-located venue that is perfectly equipped for creating and sharing their art forms, in the visual, performing, and literary arts. Activities will include classes, performances, exhibitions, working artist studios, outdoor pop up markets, and events. Sharing this set of unduplicated facilities and functions will make all of the participants more financially viable and efficient. It will also provide many new opportunities for collaboration on bigger, better, and bolder presentations. Artists will be able to afford to be artists and organizations will be able to pay staff a sustaining wage. This campus will incubate financially sustainable arts organizations, allowing them to mature and grow.

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

The arts center at Stuart High School will be a place where students of all ages and all walks of life, both professionals and amateurs, can learn, create, exhibit, and enjoy. This arts campus will encourage them to explore new art forms, while keeping their spending in Martin County. Services will include visual, performing, and literary arts classes, events, and experiences.

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

The entire community benefits from a project like this, but specific programs will be designed to support/enhance the arts education of all Martin County school-aged children through STEAM education and a curriculum that is design to focus on the 4 C's of 21st Century Skills: Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Communication. The underserved residents of East Stuart will also benefit from easy access in one place for affordable extracurricular arts programs. Stuart Middle School, adjacent to the campus, could choose to become an arts magnet school. The outreach opportunities will be endless, especially given the proximity of the middle school and the Boys & Girls Club.

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

This project has the potential to be a game-changer for downtown, leading the next evolution of the bustling Ocean Boulevard. With MartinArts as the "anchor tenant," the arts and culture corridor will be able to grow an additional half mile to the east. New restaurants, coffee shops, galleries, and more will have a logical place to thrive as MartinArts becomes a destination as well as a resource. That, in turn, will drive year-round local spending as well as cultural tourism spending. The expanded center will also help put Martin County on the map as a desirable business location for industries beyond hospitality. In addition to these benefits, this project will embrace adaptive reuse. The high school reflects the historic charm of Stuart. It is one of the few remaining buildings from the 1920s, possessing the unique character of old Florida.

**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?**

All state standards will be followed for contracts. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**