



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1503

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

This project funding is for physical maintenance on three historic properties, the Alcazar Hotel (circa 1888), the Pena-Peck House (circa 1750) and the Visitor's Information Center building (circa 1938). Specifically, replacement of inappropriate and failing windows on the Alcazar Hotel, sealing the Alcazar Hotel building with a waterproof membrane, replacing the windows of the Pena-Peck House and painting the building and replacing the floors of the Visitor's Information Center. These are nationally significant buildings which receive thousands of visitors per year and their maintenance is financially taxing on a small local government with limited resources. As such, city funding can not be done during one fiscal year and must be broken into multiple funding cycles. This has led to deferred maintenance and rising costs for materials and labor. This request is to catch up on the maintenance for these properties that are historically significant to the state and nation.

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	3,620,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,620,000</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)	3,620,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,620,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?**



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

## 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

### 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	Sealing the Alcazar Hotel with a waterproof membrane and replacement of leaking 1980's aluminum windows with modern windows for weatherproofing the building. Replacing the roof and painting the Pena-Peck House to stabilize this colonial era building and replacing the wood floor of the Visitor's Center that is constantly worn down by hundreds of thousands of visitors per year.	3,620,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,620,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this funding is the protection of three large, historic properties. The Alcazar Hotel and Pena-Peck House are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Visitor's Information Center is a contributing property to the St. Augustine National Register Historic District. These are working properties that contribute to the local economy but are too large for a small local government to maintain. In the past, the city has applied for DHR Special Category Grants, but grant funds are not reliable or sufficient to keep up with this level of maintenance.

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

The City of St. Augustine will use the funds to purchase the building materials (roofing, windows, flooring, etc.) and pay for a licensed general contractor with experience in maintaining historic buildings to complete the renovations in an appropriate manner.

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

Safeguarding these historic buildings will make them more resilient to storm events and allow them to be enjoyed and studied by future generations of citizens, school groups, historians and scholars.

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

The City of St. Augustine has a population of approximately 15,000 persons and hosts millions of visitors every year, these individuals and families are the target population.

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

The expected benefit of this funding is the protection of three large, historic buildings for many more years. The reduction in annual repairs and maintenance is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured.

**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?**

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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**