



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1524

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

4. Project/Program Description

To complete and establish in its inaugural year, the Miami Military Museum as among the best military museums in Florida in every way. Florida has the third-largest number of veterans in the U.S., as well as active duty, reserve, and the families and supporters. If Florida is a military-friendly state, showing it by having a Military Museum in the county with the largest population in Florida will increase tourism. The emerging staff has over 100 years combined military service and is very understanding, knowledgeable, and experienced of both the armed services and their place within the broader community of the U.S. and its institutions. The museum seeks to share with Florida and the rest of the world the service, sacrifice, and accomplishments of Veterans, especially by Floridians. The mission is to preserve and present the story of the rich military heritage of Florida to inspire its people, young and old alike. The funding request is for an outdoor gazebo.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

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)	450,000	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 2023-2024	450,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	400,000	3180	No

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.**
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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.

The owners of the Miami Dade Military Museum are a FL 501(c)(3). Tur historic building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Museum is on 3 acres of Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation land that is immediately next to Zoo Miami. All improvements to the grounds will vest immediately to Miami Dade County and is thereby completely safe investment.

13. 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	To build required outdoor exhibits honoring the U.S. Military. The plan is to build an outdoor gazebo for military weddings, concerts, promotions, retirements; as well as fixed outdoor static displays of military hardware on the grounds around the museum, including a replica of the Vietnam Wall, like the Punta Gorda Vietnam Wall, the crown jewel of that community.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Ongoing educational programs and tours by K-12, especially NJROTC cadets, 5,000 Role Models, and other great Florida youth groups such as Sea Cadets. The museum will maintain a robust liaison with FIU (the State University of Florida in Miami), MDCC, UM, Florida Memorial University (HBCU). Regular agenda of patriotic days of remembrance and of observance (MLK Day, Memorial Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Veterans Day) to be open to all. The museum host meetings by such civic groups as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Military Engineers, and Gold Star Families of America.

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

Tour groups of grade school students and field-trips by 27 high school JROTC cadet units. Spelling Bee and essay contests. The museum fosters respect and civic understanding for the American system of government and for the uniform, by young and old alike. Equally, regard for law enforcement, fire fighters, first responders, VA, and other health professionals. The museum has a Memorandum of Understanding with the VA Hospital hosting trained clinicians of the Vets Center providing counseling to veterans regarding substance abuse, marital and financial issues, and suicide ideation.

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

The Executive Director is a retired naval officer and the Resident Military Historian for the FIU National Security Program. The Education Officer is both a retired K-12 teacher and a retired Lt.Col., USAFR. He was MDPSS high school Teacher of the Year and highly qualified to lead school-group tours, JROTC field trips, History Bee and essay competitions and academics. The superintendent of the historic building is a retired Army Veteran.

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

Veterans of all branches of the service, active duty, reserves, their families, and groups such as VFW and American Legion. --Miami Dade County hosts 27 JROTC units, more than any other county in the state. They are all taught by retired military officers. This amounts to thousands of cadets. The museum fosters respect and civic appreciation for the American system of government and the uniform, including law enforcement, fire fighters, first responders, VA, and health professionals. The museum expects to serve over 30,000 annually. That is conservative, since every year over one million visit the Zoo Miami next door.

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

US Southern Command, Central Command, Special Operations Command; Eglin, McDill, Patrick and Homestead AFB, US4th FLEET at Mayport, FL; USCG 7th District, Camp Blanning, NAS JAX, Pensacola, and Key West are integral to the safe economic well-being of Florida, as are its 1.5 million veterans. \$20 billion in veteran-related federal money flows into Florida each year. The museum assists the military every way possible in getting their story to the public, such as supporting Army Guard Family Days, USMC Toys for Tots, and patriotic Days of Observance such as D-Day, Patriots Day, and Armed Forces Day.

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?

Failure to meet the deliverables or performance measures which the agency will provide in its contract for administering the funding will result in the funding being withheld.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.



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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
- 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