



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3037

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The new bridge built across Pensacola Bay is named in honor of Pensacola native son and hometown hero General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., USAF. General James, throughout his distinguished career, served as a Tuskegee Airman, Korean and Vietnam War combat veteran, who ultimately became the first Black four star General in the United States Armed Services. The Memorial Foundation is committed to building a monument at the Pensacola landing of the bridge adjacent to the Pensacola Visitor's Center to warmly welcome visitors to our city. The monument consists of three essential elements - a ten foot statue of General James upon a ten foot pedestal, an F4 Phantom fighter jet on stand, and an 80' flag pole proudly displaying an oversized American flag. Our intention is to introduce visitors to Pensacola's unique and distinct history, showcasing the contributions made by General James advancing the cause of equality and justice through his sacrificial service to our Republic.

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	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	37%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	21%
Other	800,000	42%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,900,000	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.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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 project will be built on land owned entirely by the City of Pensacola. The Memorial Foundation is responsible for monument planning, design, and construction.

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	Promotional initiatives and materials, fundraising events and social media.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Anticipated engineering budget for design and construction incorporated in plan.	675,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To recognize the service and achievements of General James in a monument befitting his service to God, country and family.
Initiate construction of the Memorial Plaza for completion by the target date of September 18 2023, the 76th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Air Force.

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

Construction management and incorporation of essential monument elements into the plaza.

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

The Monument will be the landmark entry into the City of Pensacola. It will be a highly visible attraction that will encourage tourists to visit the plaza and Pensacola's Tourist Visitor Center introducing local area points of interest and activities to tourists and residents alike. It will serve as a venue for school historical outings and military reunions. The Monument ultimately encourages tourism, education, and community celebrations enhancing and complimenting the adjacent thirteen acres of Wayside Park.

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

According to official Florida Department of Transportation traffic surveys, on average, 60,000 vehicles will cross the General James Bridge every day. Tourists will be intrigued by the three design elements (Statue, mounted F-4C and large U.S. Flag) that will spark their curiosity and encourage them to visit the Visitor Center. Local area residents will benefit from the greater number of tourists visiting the area being introduced to the region's unique history and recreational opportunities. Students benefit from seeing the example of a local area hero whose life exemplified perseverance, the pursuit of excellence, and public service.

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

Increase tourism. Promote the further study of contributions made to our nation by selfless individuals like General James.

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?

No penalties are suggested because the deliverables and performance are not time restrictive or sensitive to further operations. Completion of the construction of the plaza culminates with the placement of the essential elements. Our greatest concern is that the project coincide with the anticipated lifespan of eighty years for the newly constructed bridge. We are making every effort in planning and design to minimize maintenance and operational costs and ensure physical integrity of plaza and essential elements.

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



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- 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