



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1028

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Bay of Pigs Museum is expanding to establish a modern, secure facility dedicated to preserving and protecting the legacy of the brave men of Brigade 2506 and safeguarding the invaluable artifacts of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. This new state-of-the-art building will serve as a cornerstone for the community, offering enhanced opportunities for education, employment, and cultural engagement. The museum will provide teachers and students with a unique resource for learning, support local human rights organizations as a platform for advocacy, and attract researchers as well as domestic and international tourists. By creating an iconic, permanent space in Historic Little Havana, the museum aims to honor the veterans' sacrifices while becoming a significant cultural and historical attraction, further contributing to the vibrancy and economic growth of the neighborhood.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	40%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	40%
Other	500,000	20%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,000,000	3266A	No

9. Is future-year 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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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/30/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Local Miami-Dade County funding will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance.

11. 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.

Carlos Luis, President, Bay of Pigs Museum and Library of the 2506 Brigade, Inc

### 12. 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</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	These funds will be used to complete the final construction phase of the new state of the art museum, including interior finishes, furnishings, and the installation of the audio / visual displays.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funds is to create a state of the art facility that disseminates historical information and preserves the important history of Brigade 2506 and the larger struggle of the Cuban people against Communism and their fight for human rights and freedom. The new building will include exhibitions, conference space, and immersive technology that will attract local visitors, as well as domestic and international tourists.

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



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The museum has already begun its educational initiatives by training local Miami-Dade County Social Studies teachers as well as starting a new course at the FIU Honors College through the museum. In addition the museum provides a repository of artifacts, digital archives, and conference space for seminars to continue learning and advocating for human rights and democracy. It also facilitates its space to human rights organizations and other organizations that support our mission.

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

Same as paragraph b. The museum provides artifacts, digital story-telling, research areas, and conference space to local, domestic, and international visitors, students, and scholars. The museum also facilitates its space to local organizations and hosts events for the community at large all rooted in educating the public about the Cold War, democracy, and the struggles faced by those who experienced and are still experiencing Marxist Socialism and Communism.

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

Target population includes students, veterans, local population as well as domestic and foreign tourists. The museum receives more than 5,000 visitors a year. We expect this number to triple after the new location is opened and we reap the benefits of the last two years of community outreach and stronger social media presence.

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

It is expected that the new museum will attract more tourism to the Historic Little Havana sector becoming a valuable tourist attraction for Miami-Dade County. These outcomes will be measured by our ticket entry analytics as well as the increase in new programming and outreach in the community measured by how many people attend these functions and programs.

**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 in the contract?**

Suggested penalties could be loss of future funding. However, we are working towards future streams of income and a Phase II campaign to acquire more memberships and other income streaming opportunities.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**



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b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

18. 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  Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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