



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1354

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Bradford-Ma Barker house is located in Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area. The home was originally located on property owned by Carson Bradford, who bought the real estate in Ocklawaha in 1892 and is famous for being the location of the longest gun battle in FBI history to this day. Funds would be used for infrastructure, permitting, and site preparation for additional buildings, including an interpretive center to comply with ADA requirements. Improvements include stormwater facilities, tree clearing as needed, and conduit for electrical work amongst other improvements.

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	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	315,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,265,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Historical grant funding could be used if awarded.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

Funding for ongoing site operations is part of the Marion County Parks & Recreation Department budget.

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.

The Friends of Bradford-Ma Barker House would receive the funds. The organization is a 501(c)(3) and is

12. 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		
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	Funds would be used for infrastructure, permitting, and site preparation for additional buildings, including an interpretive center to comply with ADA requirements. Improvements include stormwater facilities, tree clearing as needed, and conduit for electrical work amongst other improvements.	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

13. Program Performance

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

As the site of the longest gun battle in FBI history, the site will increase knowledge of America during the Roaring 20's and Early Depression Era as it relates to certain sub-cultural practices, political and social influences. It will also inform visitors on the precursor to America's FBI and it's work fighting organized crime during the 1920's and Depression Eras.

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



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Construction of the interpretive center will provide static and video instruction, displays, artifacts, and other items needed to enhance the interpretation of the exhibit. Completion of the improvement projects will ensure that visitors have a comfortable experience while visiting the site.

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

The facility will provide self-guided and docent tours that focus on the story of the property and its profound impact on the FBI's history.

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

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

Increased visitor ship, resulting in increased economic activity, increased heritage tourism opportunities for visitors to Florida/Marion County, increased knowledge of America during the Roaring '20s and Early Depression Era as it relates to certain sub-cultural practices, political and social influences, inform visitors on the precursor to America's FBI and its work fighting organized crime during the 1920s & Depression Eras. The construction project itself will employ professionals (architects, engineers), tradesmen (contractors, sub-contractors), and positions that support them (clerical, management). The ongoing operation of the site will result in future paid employment opportunities. These can be measured through surveying visitors, keeping records regarding admissions/attendance to the site and dollars spent on design and construction, documenting professionals and tradesmen engaged in the project, and documenting the number of future paid staff employed to operate the site.

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?

Funds would be returned to the state in the instance of non-compliance of the deliverables.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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#:

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



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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

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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