



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1522

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Museum of Black History Building Development aims to establish a dedicated space in Opa-locka, Florida, to preserve and celebrate Black history, culture, and contributions. In collaboration with Miami-Dade County and the City of Opa-locka, the museum will serve as an educational and cultural hub, providing daily access to exhibits, historical artifacts, and community programs. The initiative will also include educational courses, community engagement events, and cultural enrichment activities to promote awareness and appreciation of Black heritage.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	375,000	25%
Other	375,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 03/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/01/2028

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

County, municipal, and community partner funding.

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.

Ten North Group.

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	Predevelopment expenses including, due diligence, zoning, land use, site assessment, overall design, and conceptual drawings, for the Florida Museum of Black History.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of the funding request is to establish the Florida Museum of Black History in Opa-locka, Florida, in collaboration with Miami-Dade County and the City of Opa-locka, with the Ten North Group providing administration on an interim basis. This initiative aims to create a space dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Black community in Florida, while also serving as a hub for education, community engagement, and cultural enrichment.

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



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The museum will operate daily to provide the public the opportunity to learn about the rich history of Florida. In addition, events and other programmatic initiatives will operate out of the museum.

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

Educational courses, community engagement, and cultural enrichment activities.

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

The target population to be served is the general public. The Museum is expected to serve thousands of individuals on an annual basis.

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

The Florida Museum of Black History will celebrate Black heritage while driving economic growth, tourism, and job creation. It will serve as an educational and cultural hub, offering interactive exhibits, school partnerships, and community programs. Additionally, it aims to reduce crime and recidivism by providing pathways to economic stability and community reintegration. The project's success will be measured through tourism and economic impact reports, job creation data, visitor surveys, and school partnerships. Crime reduction will be assessed using crime reports and recidivism rates, while public engagement and well-being will be tracked through community feedback.

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?

Withholding of funds.

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:

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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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