



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1660

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will secure ownership of the pioneer property and city lots at 84 SE 3th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society as the first cultural center in the north Broward County area and continue to enhance the cultural sector of a downtown revitalization plan. While across the avenue, additional major renovations (\$417,000) are taking place for a comprehensive complex development, construction needs for this property are minimal for operations. It will benefit the whole community by economically supporting 75 regional artists, creating 40 job opportunities and promote local businesses in the area. It will advocate resident and tourist engagements as a destination for historical and cultural activities. The facility will additionally provide space for 15 community gatherings and house the preservation of 5,000 archival materials important to the community.

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	375,000
Total State Funds Requested	375,000

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)	375,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	263,000	28%
Other	307,000	32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	945,000	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? 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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/15/2025

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

Deerfield Beach Historical Society offers a full calendar of public activities which helps provide funding streams for operations through sponsorships and admissions. Private support is also available through memberships, publications and gift shop purchases. City, county and government support is requested for program support.

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.

Ramon Emilio Domingues is the single person who holds the ownership of the property to be acquired. The Deerfield Beach Historical Society entered into an agreement for purchase after leasing from previous owner and would receive the fixed capital outlay, if awarded, for its acquisition.

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	The land (3 city lots) and existing facility will be under the full ownership of the organization to continue to operate as a museum and cultural center that complements and unifies a developing cultural sector in north Broward County. The two adjacent historic properties under rehabilitation by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society will allow improved services and fully accessible historic destinations and considered assets in place for creating the cultural corridor.	375,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		375,000



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13. Program Performance

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

Funding will establish the operation of the first cultural center in the north Broward County area which totals 13,000 sq feet for the cultural sector of a downtown revitalization plan. It economically supports regional artists and local businesses in the area. It promotes resident and tourist engagements as a destination for historical and cultural activities. The facility additionally provides space for community gatherings and preservation of archival materials important to the community.

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

85% (250) of the activities are cultural to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors: an art gallery with changing exhibitions, monthly live music series, film nights, free lectures, collaborative concert series, art classes free to middle school students, intergenerational art workshops, virtual arts programming and a series of podcasts for heritage tourism, and access to archival materials for research. It provides an operational center for conducting outdoor events and locations for visiting groups during conferences.

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

Direct services include supporting a network for local artists, providing service organizations space to conduct business, and enhancing public education and access to community archives. In addition, the Center is engaged in supporting opportunities for intergenerational lifelong learning, sustaining collaborations with other arts and social service organizational and business partnerships through adequate and accommodating facility space.

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

The target population begins with the residents of Deerfield Beach which records a population of almost 87,000; 19% are enrolled students 24 years of age and under, 23% are over 65 senior citizens. Almost half or 47% of the population of Deerfield Beach is considered as minority. The 33441 zip code covers a major portion of the local population with 33442 and 33064. Marketing efforts include a three-county area, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach. Statewide and on-line, the organization promotes participation with destination events through a series of podcasts, "Hang Your Hat on Heritage Tourism". The current annual visitation is estimated at 12,350 people. Audiences that the Deerfield Beach Historical Society seeks to build are approached regionally with a goal of increasing visitation 50% with the opening of revitalized facilities and marketing momentum.

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

The Museum & Cultural Center will enrich the cultural experience, improve the quality of education, support a healthy business climate, motivate visitation, and create immediate job opportunities. The business community is supported with new audiences attracted to an active cultural sector in the area, becoming customers for nearby amenities. Direct financial compensation to presenters of historic and cultural programs by the Historical Society is anticipated to support 75 artistic and professional experts in addition to materials suppliers. Evaluation methods of these benefits include activity registrations, event evaluation forms, participation feedback including social media comments, and feedback from tourist industries. Increasing and sustaining business and community partnerships is measured by increased participation in collaborative projects, sponsorships, and mutual fundraising.

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?

The organization, Deerfield Beach Historical Society Inc., will return the funding.

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)



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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)?

- 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	Kim	Last Name	Cardone
b. Organization	Deerfield Beach Historical Society Inc		
c. E-mail Address	kcarcone0213@gmail.com		
d. Phone Number	(954)600-2365	Ext.	

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	Deerfield Beach Historical Society Inc
b. Municipality and County	Broward

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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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