



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1673

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Italian Club Building, a registered historic landmark and the oldest Italian American Organization of its type in the United States (ref: Tony Pizzo), organized on April 4, 1894, is in need of further preservation work in order to maintain our mission within the community. The major aspect of this request is to stabilize the building (built in 1918) and to bring it up to current building codes.

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	96,270
Fixed Capital Outlay	240,930
Total State Funds Requested	337,200

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)	337,200	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	337,200	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		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	3237	Yes

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.**

The club has exhausted all sources of funding from other sources. We have been unsuccessful in obtaining State Grant assistance for the last 4 years and we now find ourself in desperate need of funds to stabilize the structure.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2025

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?

None

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.

Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, Inc.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Management / Supervision	5,200
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	As needed copy services, phone charges, computer and printing charges	2,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Dumpster 40 yard roll off 7 - 8 tons of debris (2)	1,870
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architectural and engineering services	87,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Stabilize building and structural repairs as required to be in compliance with engineering protocol.	240,930
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		337,200

13. Program Performance

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

The Italian Club Building, a registered historic landmark, and the oldest continually operating Italian American Organization of its type in the United States (ref: tony Pizzo), organized on April 4, 1894, is in need of further preservation work in order to maintain our mission within the community. The major aspect of this request is to stabilize the building (built in 1918) and bring the building into compliance with current building codes.

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



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As a historic landmark our building is open to the public daily tours, as well as for community and cultural events. We are host to the center stage for Ybor City's Fiesta Day celebration showcasing Tampa's rich Latin Heritage. We host the Italian American Golf Invitational (celebrating its 46th year) with proceeds benefiting local Tampa Bay Charities.

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

We conduct tours for school aged children as well as providing space for continuing education classes. We host Italian language classes, cooking classes, culturally specific events and historical presentations. We also work with other local 501c3s who utilize our club to host events that better the community through their own endeavors.

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

There is no specific target. We are a facility that is open to all of the communioty. We regularly welcome over a thousand guests each month between events, activities and tours.

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

As the oldest Italian American Organization of its type in the nation, the funds are critical to ensuring that our physical building is preserved so that we can maintain our mission to serve our community as a cultural icon to all those immigrant families that helped build our community.

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?

Standard contract penalties.

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 infastructure)

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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- Yes, Applied
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- No
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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



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.