



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2105

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

4. Project/Program Description

Renovation of the Historic Manhattan Casino to create a City-owned and -operated event and entertainment space on 22nd Street South, also known as The Deuces. 22nd Street South was the Main Street of St. Petersburg's historic African-American community, and the Manhattan Casino served as the community's dance hall and cultural center, hosting acclaimed entertainers including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Cab Calloway, and more during segregation. The Manhattan Casino closed in 1968 and has been leased by private operators since the City reopened it in 2011. Several private operators have leased the space, with the last lease ending in 2022. The City held a community feedback session and per input from stakeholders, is now fully renovating the facility to create an affordable event rental and entertainment space that honors and preserves the history of the Manhattan Casino.

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 | 1,050,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,050,000 |

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) | 1,050,000 | 27% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 2,850,000 | 73% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 3,900,000 | 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 | | |
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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)?

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?

City's General Revenue Fund and event rental revenue.

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 City of St. Petersburg is the owner and recipient of the funds.

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 | Total preliminary cost estimate based on Advanced Schematic Design Documents, including soft costs, is \$4.8 million. State funding would be used for a portion of construction. | 1,050,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,050,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Residents surrounding the Historic Manhattan Casino and visitors will be able to use this asset, and its improved presence will become.

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



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The funds from this project will go to pay for construction services to renovate the the facility.

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

The funds from this project will go to pay for construction services to renovate the facility and restore its status as a community asset.

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

The immediate target population are those who live along the deuces corridor where the Manhattan Casino. The renovations and subsequent space will provide walkable jobs, new catering business opportunities for nearby restaurants, and patronage to nearby shops from attendees at events held at the Manhattan. The project will also be able to enjoyed by residents across the city and the county who will attend events in the space. Expected capacity will be around 800 per booking with ongoing ripple effects.

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

This project will be a source of economic growth and development for the community and provide additional meeting, collaboration, and event space; strengthening the social fabric for the community. This will be measured by attendees, and usage of the space.

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?

Return of funds to the state.

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#:

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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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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