



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2129

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Cuban Club Building is in need of improvements to its interior in order to continue to be commercially viable as a performing arts, event and convention center. Funds will be used to repair, remodel and update the building.

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	1,760,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,760,000

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)	1,760,000	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	1,760,000	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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

11/3/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/30/2026

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

Revenue from events and performances.

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.

None

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	Repair, remodel and update four large restrooms. Return the 2nd floor and basement entrances to their original design. Replace four HVAC units that have reached the end of their life expectancy. Purchase replicas of the historic tile for basement and 2nd floor and install. Update electrical service in basement and 2nd floor. Conduct an engineering study of the building. Architectural services.	1,760,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,760,000

13. Program Performance

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

Improvements to the Cuban Club Building interior will keep the building commercially viable as a performing arts, event and convention center. Improvements include - Repair, remodel and update four large restrooms. Return the 2nd floor and basement entrances to their original design. Replace four HVAC units that have reached the end of their life expectancy. Purchase replicas of the historic tile for basement and 2nd floor and install. Update electrical service in basement and 2nd floor. Conduct an engineering study of the building. Architectural services.

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



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The Foundation will hire an architect, engineer and contractor to make the improvements and repairs that are within the scope of the project. All work will be permitted, approved by the Barrio Latino Commission and when complete, inspected.

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

The repair of the Cuban Club will ensure its activity as a venue for a variety of events such as concerts, performances, art and commercial exhibits, political rallies and gatherings, non-profit fund raisers, weddings and other events along with attracting a wide spectrum of tourist visitors. As a major contributing structure to the Ybor City National Historic District the Cuban Club helps drive the overall tourism to the district. The repairs to the building will also create immediate construction jobs. Also the County requests our building as a hurricane shelter and distribution center.

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

While the construction project doesn't serve individuals or a target population the building is visited and used by close to 60,000 people a year.

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

The repairs will encourage and promote more use of the building as a convention/events center, a tourist attraction, a concert facility and as a storm shelter and distribution center during hurricanes. Our success will be measured by an increase in events, attendance and rented room nights. Increased use will also cause an increase in remitted sales taxes and a jump in parking fees at neighboring City of Tampa Parking Garages and street parking.

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 Contracting Agency should not distribute any funds until the Cuban Club Foundation has proven that it has met or exceeded all deliverables. Non-performance would exclude the project from state funding.

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:



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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