



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2137

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The awarded monies will help fund construction of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center. The 50,000 square foot building facility on a six (6) acre campus will include a range of public experience spaces, meeting spaces, galleries, labs, studios, educational classrooms, cafe, administrative support offices, interior and exterior special event spaces, and parking.

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               | 5,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>5,000,000</b> |

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)       | 5,000,000         | 26%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                   |             |
| Federal  | 1,000,000         | 5%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 6,500,000         | 33%         |
| Local  | 6,750,000         | 35%         |
| Other  | 250,000           | 1%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>19,500,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
|                          | 0         | 0            |                             |        |

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?** 12/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/01/2027

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

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**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.**

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

| Spending Category  | Description  | Amount           |
|--|--|------------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |  |                  |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |  | 0                |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |  | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  | 0                |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |  |                  |
| Salary and Benefits  |  | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  | 0                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                  |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Funds will be used to help fund construction of the AAACC, including site work, demolition of existing antiquated facilities, and phased construction of new improvements with associated, necessary infrastructure. | 5,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>5,000,000</b> |

**13. Program Performance**

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

The awarded monies will help fund construction of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center. The 50,000 square foot building facility on a six (6) acre campus will include a range of public experience spaces, meeting spaces, galleries, labs, studios, educational classrooms, cafe, administrative support offices, interior and exterior special event spaces, and parking.

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



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Funds will be used to help fund construction of the AAACC, including site work, demolition of existing antiquated facilities, and phased construction of new improvements with associated, necessary infrastructure.

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

The AAACC will focus on African American art, culture, and history in a centralized location within the Tampa Bay region. It will include educational programs for children, students and families, and large gallery space for displaying the work of local artists. It will also serve as a historical and cultural hub celebrating African American life and contributions.

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

Based on the research done by Amy Kaufman Cultural Planning (consultant) on similar facilities and attractions in the Tampa Bay region, the AAACC is anticipated to drive 50,000 in annual attendance to the west Tampa area. Center attendance, surveys, and overall community economic overall betterment.

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

Based on the research done by Amy Kaufman Cultural Planning (consultant) on similar facilities and attractions in the Tampa Bay region, the AAACC is anticipated to drive 50,000 in annual attendance to the west Tampa area. It will focus on African-American art, culture, and history in a centralized location within the Tampa Bay region. This includes large gallery space for displaying the work of local artists, along with educational classes and experiences for children, students, and families. It will also serve as a historical and cultural hub celebrating African-American life and contributions.

**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?**

Payment is based on deliverables under the construction contract. This requires the licensed contractor to complete the agreement deliverables prior to receiving payment.

**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**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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