



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2156

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

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will kick off the construction of the three-story Miami Gardens Performing Arts Center. Specifically, state funds will go to site preparation, establishing utilities, water, sewer, drainage infrastructure, and other civil work to support this state-of-the-art facility, which aims to be a gathering place for artists, performers, and audiences, providing a space for creativity, education, and collaboration.

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,000,000	1%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	55,000,000	81%
Other	2,000,000	3%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	68,000,000	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.
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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? 12/01/2028

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.

City of Miami Gardens

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	This is last track of underdeveloped land with no prior development and no existing infrastructure. The funds will be used for site preparation, establishing utilities, water, sewer, drainage infrastructure, and other civil work to support this 74,000 square-foot, three-story facility.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The construction of a 74,000 square-foot Performing Arts Center with featured components: grand theater, a black box theater, a culinary learning lab, classrooms, and outdoor venues.

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

Theatrical performances, STEM and culinary programs, community art programs, and general services.

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

Target population City of Miami Gardens and the greater South Florida communities and visitors. Aiming to serve more than 50,000 people the first three years after opening with performances, programs, and general services. Expect growth of five percent each year thereafter.

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

The delivery of a 74,000 square-foot Performing Arts Center. This state-of-the-art facility aims to be a gathering place for local students, artists and performers, providing a space for creativity, education, and collaboration.

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?

If the scope of work is not completed by the end of contract period, funds should be returned to the Department of 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)?

- 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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