



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2236

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose is to serve the 30 network museums/sites that will receive direct grants from the FAAHPN network to help support their historical and cultural programming, technology upgrades, internship programs, heritage tourism, and serve the general public. These funds allow FAAHPN to be a resource for institutions, individuals, and agencies, including the Florida Department of State, School Districts and Local governments, where research, oral histories, and artifacts/or cultural treasures are needed to carry out historical and cultural preservation and heritage tourism themes, initiatives and programs.

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	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	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	800,000	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		
2024-25	0	375,000	3260b	No

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.

FAAHPN museums pursue other local, state and national grants. However, these are very competitive and unreliable. The legislative fund is the primary guaranteed source upon which the member museums rely and greatly appreciate.



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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?

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.

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	Administrative Office supplies and equipment needs.	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Administrative oversight, technicians, specific subject/skill consultants needed to execute special areas including: graphic designers, exhibit installers, content developers, financial professionals and collections care and management experts.	119,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(1) Sub-grants to FAAHPN museums for the purpose of costs to accomplish the following: create and install exhibits; acquire needed technology office equipment, purchase archival supplies to house collections, funds to fulfill requests for state historic markers at eligible museum locations and funds associated with expenses to attend FAAHPN field meetings and other approved professional development conferences and workshops. (2) Internship Program sub grants will be provided to FAAHPN museums.	560,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Three Regional Site Liaisons will be contracted to oversee and provide on going programming and technical assistance/advisement to network museums. Expenses associated with retaining regular docents, that incurred by FAAHPN Museum Directors and subject matter experts to conduct research, resource and program development, handle public relations, communications, field meetings and marketing.	120,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose is to serve the 30 network museums/sites that will receive direct grants from the FAAHPN network to help support their historical and cultural programming, technology upgrades, internship programs, heritage tourism, and serve the general public. These funds allow FAAHPN to be a resource for institutions, individuals, and agencies where the intellectual property, oral histories, and artifacts/or cultural treasures are needed to carry out major themes or programs.

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

Activities and Services to be provided to Network Executive Directors and staff include: technology and equipment acquisitions, content development and research, exhibit development/installation, preservation of documents and artifacts, internships, two sessions for professional development, marketing, traveling exhibits.

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

Direct services to citizens include: Tourism ready venues to visit and appreciate the history of communities across Florida and to learn of those who contributed to the development of that history. The FAAHPN serve as a repository for material culture, artifacts and collections, that might otherwise be lost. Educational program assistance and provision of assistance to community partners in the planning and implementation of heritage events benefit is a frequent and direct benefit. Moreover, FAAHPN museums are centers for the public to visit to conduct research and enhance skills in historic preservation.

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

The target populations served are the elderly, economically disadvantaged persons, at risk youth, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university college students, "history buffs" and anyone seeking and needing historical information and services.

More than 400K people are expected to be served physically/onsite and an additional virtual audience included in FAAHPN social media platforms.

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

The outcome of this project is as follow:

1. To sustain history and cultural tourism venues and opportunities for the public to know about and explore the State of Florida
2. To increase economic activity and add new revenue coming into the state resulting from tourist engagement and promotion, the sale of FAAHPN publications and documentaries and attraction of new partners for the State as a result of the very successful Florida Network of museums.
3. To safeguard our landmarks, legacies and collections and to inform and educate the public of our purposes, accomplishments and contributions to the State of Florida.

The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is our annual Economic Impact Report based on raw data from FAAHPN museum and extrapolated by FSU Center for Economic Forecasting & Analysis (CEFA), and our Federal Survey Institute of Museum and Libraries Report.

The report documents a clear benefit to the state's revenue and service to the communities.

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 organization will adhere to all rules and guidelines by the State of Florida and take corrective action as needed. To date, since inception in 1997, the organization has been compliant and recognized positively for its execution of the Florida Department of State Contract Agreement, and with its Articles of Incorporation and Operating Agreement.



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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
- 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



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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

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