



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2348

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding will support the design, development, and construction of critically needed space in the Collections, Preservation, Research, and Education Facility (CPRE), owned by The Florida Holocaust Museum, where many of the items in the Elie Wiesel Collection will be received and remain for scholarly purposes when not on exhibit at the Museum or part of a traveling exhibit. The addition of the Wiesel collection created a need to expand space in the CPRE building as over 3,000 cubic feet of Elie Wiesel's personal items are to be received and catalogued for preservation, research, and eventual display at The Museum. This work takes place at the CPRE in Largo and this additional space will need to become climate controlled and have appropriate humidity control to support care of the artifacts and house the curatorial team. Funds will also allow the Museum to take special measures to secure the collection from flooding and hurricanes.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,000,000	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

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?

05/15/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/30/2026

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

Private funds raised through development activities.

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 Florida Holocaust Museum is the owner of the facility.

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	Funds will support the design, development, and construction of space at the Collections, Preservation, Research and Education facility where many of the items in the Wiesel Collection will be preserved when not on exhibit or part of a traveling exhibit.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

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?

State funding will provide for the design, development and construction of unique space at the Florida Holocaust Museum's Collections, Preservation, Research, and Education Facility where the Museum can provide security, preservation and careful curation of the invaluable artifacts within the Elie Wiesel Collection. Items in the Collection will be received at the site and remain for scholarly purposes when not on exhibit.

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

Support will provide critically needed space for 3,000+ cubic feet of artifacts in the Wiesel Collection. Storage, office and meeting areas will provide space for the cataloging, research, and display of Wiesel's work. The Collection will be used for research and to educate Museum visitors, students across Florida and the public on Professor Wiesel's work, the Holocaust, genocide, and antisemitism.

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

Researchers, scholars, FHM preservationists, curators, and registrars, and visitors to the Museum. The Museum annually connects with over 300,000 students and educators as well as more than 24,000 individually who visit the Museum.

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

Enrich the cultural experience for more than 300,000 who connect with The Museum annually, improve the quality of Holocaust education throughout Florida and the country, and increase tourism to the St. Petersburg region. The Museum will deploy a series of student, educator and visitor surveys after interaction with the collection and facility.

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?

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned 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):

Mitigation against future storms will be incorporated into the project.

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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

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**



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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.