



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2553

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hastings Main Street, Inc seeks funding to relocate two historic structures, the FEC Carpenter's Shop and the St. Johns Electric Company trolley Depot, to the Hastings Main Street District. Funds will cover the move from the St. Augustine Airport to placement along the St. Augustine-Palatka Trail head and at the Old Jail site on Cochran Avenue in Hastings. These structures are targets of demolition if not relocated from their current site at the St. Augustine Airport.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/30/2026

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

Restoration and buildout of the structures is planned through Division of Historic Special Category grant funds, now pending legislative approval. \$1,000,000 request.

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.

Hastings Main Street, Inc. has been gifted the two structures by the St. Augustine Airport Authority with the objective of relocating them to Hastings for community use. Both structures will be positioned on property owned by St. Johns County and leased to Hastings Mains Street to renovate and maintain for benefit of the public.

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	Moving expense cost for transporting two historic depots from the St. Augustine Airport on US 1 via barge and overland from Federal Point to Hastings.	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding serves to enhance historic preservation in Hastings. This rural agricultural community has deep roots linked to Flagler Era personalities and structures including the railroad. In the 1890s the community served as the agriculture supply to Flagler Hotels in St. Augustine and subsequently the nation.

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



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Hastings Main Street Inc will arrange for movers, contractors and ancillary help to move the two depots. The organization will subsequently renovate and restore the structures for public benefit as museums and community centers.

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

Citizens of Hastings and surrounding areas will gain educational insight into the railroad history and agricultural economy through ongoing interpretive stories, exhibits and community public spaces.

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

The immediate target population served is the residents of Hastings, which is in the process of revitalization. The Town of Hastings was dissolved in 2017 and suffered tremendous economic plight over many decades. The historic depots will contribute to the revitalization of the economy and spirit of the community as it re-emerges as a thriving agritourism community.

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

The benefit of adding historic structures with viable economic activity aids in adding to the area tax base through increased tourism. Hastings Main Street Inc collects quarterly data on economic progress of it promotion and preservation activities. Increased jobs are anticipated as the larger structure will be retrofitted with small business incubator spaces to encourage and train small business development.

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?

Return of funds if buildings are not relocated.

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)?



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- Yes, Applied
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- No
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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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