



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2730

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the project Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Crystal River, FL) Revitalization Project (Phase I) funds is to help maintain and revitalize the historic Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery:

- 1) Hire a professional engineer to assess the flooding issues and develop a flood mitigation plan. Implement the recommended services to prevent the crypts and bodies from rising from the ground, possible relocation of crypts and bodies (if needed), and grading the cemetery land,
- 2) Improve the cemetery road,
- 3) The remaining trees needs professional servicing (cutting & canopy service), and
- 4) Perform Ground Penetrating Radar and Document Headstones & Gravesites.

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	81,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	269,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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	350,000	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?** Yes

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?

08/15/2025

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?

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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.

Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery

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	Costs for Contracted Accounting Services	6,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Engineering Fees (Flood Mitigation Services and Planning) Archaeological Consulting, Ground Penetrating Radar, Geotag services, and Cemetery Preservation Services Tree Service Contractors	75,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Flood Mitigation Services, Grave Relocations, Crypts Hoisting, Monument Repairs, Road Paving, and Tree Services	269,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Revitalize the cemetery to preserve monuments and prevent loss from flooding.

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

Implementing flood prevention services, including potential relocation of crypts and grading of cemetery land.

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

Documentation of gravesites and headstones for historical preservation and community access.

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

The project serves the African American community, including visitors and grade school and high school students who will engage in educational activities.

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

Outcomes will be measured through reduction of flooding issues and improved cemetery accessibility, reduction of tree hazards, completion of grave documentation for historical records.

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

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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
- Yes, Received
- 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



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d. Phone Number

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