



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2847

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The funds from the State will ensure the uninterrupted design and construction of an iconic and innovative museum of science and history on the North Bank of the St. John's River in Downtown Jacksonville. It will be a hub for culture and entertainment, STEM learning and Florida story telling. These funds will specifically move the project into the final design and construction phase.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

**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	3%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,000,000	5%
Local	50,000,000	53%
Other	37,000,000	39%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>94,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	5,000,000	3266A	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.**
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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)?**

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architecture, Design and Engineering of the Museum and Exhibits.	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

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

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



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MOSH will enhance the North bank of Downtown Jacksonville by creating public gathering spaces for lifelong learning and experiential education, deliver immersive digital experiences and learning that will shape twenty-first century job skills for tomorrow's workforce, showcase dynamic platforms to engage students, families, and adults and dedicate space for early STEAM learning.

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

The majority of the funds requested will serve the elderly, economically disadvantaged persons, the developmentally disabled, the physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and university/college students. >800 individuals in the target population are expected to be served.

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

MOSH's cultural outreach events will enrich cultural experience. Methodology: MOSH will track the number of events and the overall attendance of their cultural outreach events. We will survey attendees, members, and guests to gain feedback and insight on the guest experience. MOSH's public/private school partnerships and field trip initiatives will improve the quality of education. Methodology: MOSH will track the number of events and the overall attendance of the events. We will survey attendees, members, and guests to gain feedback and insight on the guest experience. MOSH will increase tourism, and economic activity in Duval County. Methodology: MOSH will engage with VISIT Jacksonville to review tourism numbers, will track attendance zipcodes, and will survey guests. We will gather city data and measure employment and other financial statistics. The construction project as well as the ongoing operation of the Museum will create an estimated \$2.3 million in new salaries and wages.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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:**



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**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**

**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

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