



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3486

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is to restore and repair the former Gym area of the Centro Asturiano, converting the space to a Spanish themed full-service Lounge/Cafe (The Gym.) This project will allow us to expand our cultural offerings such as tours, lectures, and meeting spaces, while creating new jobs, generate new local and state tax revenue, and provide income to the Centro Asturiano itself, to partially self-fund its future restoration projects.

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	997,552
Total State Funds Requested	997,552

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)	997,552	66%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	508,575	34%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,506,127	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.

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 04/01/2026

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

The funding stream for ongoing operations and maintenance of this project will be coming from the income generated by the project itself; The Gym Lounge/Cafe.

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 facility is owned by a Non-Profit 501c corporation, The Centro Asturiano de Tampa, Inc. which will utilize the proceeds for the project outlined only.

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	Carpentry \$149,633 / Casework \$49,878 Finishes \$299,266 / Electric \$129,681 Plumbing \$179,559 HVAC \$119,706 Demolition \$69,829	997,552
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		997,552

13. Program Performance

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

This goal of this project is to restore and repair the former Gym area of the Centro Asturiano, converting the space to a Spanish themed full-service Lounge/Cafe (The Gym). This project will allow us to expand our cultural offerings such as tours, lectures, and meeting spaces, while creating new jobs, generate new local & state tax revenue, and provide income to the Centro Asturiano itself, to partially self-fund its future restoration projects.



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

Attract additional visitors to learn and experience the history and cultural richness of this historical building.

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

A place to gather for food, drink and social interaction in this Spanish historical building.

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

The general population will be served by this project.

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 of additional members of the general public. Improve the quality of education by teaching the public about the rich history of this historic building and its Spanish founders. Free educational tours are provided to the general public on a regular basis.

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 State should penalize Centro Asturiano de Tampa, Inc. ("Centro) for failing to meet deliverables and performance measures by not reimbursing the Centro for those specific deliverables and measures that were not adequately satisfied.

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)?

- Yes, Applied



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- 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

d. Phone Number



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