



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3505

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is construction of a Living Creek Village with Traditional-style Council Roundhouse for education and preservation of Native American history and culture. No original Creek Villages of council roundhouses remain due to the cultural genocide of the 1800s that aimed to eradicate Native American culture. Other than our small Creek Village display, there is a notable absence of a significant replica Creek Village or roundhouse in this region for Historic Tourism. The nearest council roundhouse reproduction to be found is in Tallahassee, Florida, with the next closest located approximately 1,000 miles away in Oklahoma. Visitors will experience emersion in the Creek history and culture offering a path of re-connection to the heritage of those having Native American ancestry.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	57%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	47,000	13%
Other	108,000	30%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	355,000	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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

0/00/0000

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

0/00/0000

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

Fundraising events, donations and membership dues.

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 entity (Santa Rosa Band of the Lower Muscogee, Inc.) 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	Constuction costs	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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

A Living Creek Village with Traditional-style Council Roundhouse for education and preservation of Native American history and culture.

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



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The Living Creek Village and roundhouse will be made available to both public and private schools as a field trip destination. It will provide an emersion experience for the public at large and to students for augmenting the current Native American history and culture curriculum.

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

A historical and cultural emersion experience for students of both public and private schools is the primary objective with the public at large being the secondary objective for a cultural emersion experience.

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

The primary target population is both public and private school students. Secondly is the public at large. Based on the number of public and private school students and the number of visitors of our annual two-day Native American Living History event it is anticipated there would be more than 12,000 visitors being served annually in perpetuity.

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

The benefit would be to enhance historic and cultural knowledge and understanding and further our mission of education and preserving the history and culture of Native Americans. Quantitatively the outcome can be measured by the number of visitors served each year.

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?

None known.

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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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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