



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2745

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

4. Project/Program Description

The 1921 African-American church is a two-story brick building with two towers on the front and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of an eclectic Gothic style structure. The site was the home of the St. Luke Church from 1888 until 1985. Unfortunately the building was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael in 2018, the nave of the building was destroyed beyond restoration, however the narthex consisting of two towers and front facade were damaged but remain standing and can be restored. This project is to demolish and remove the debris of the nave area and be converted to an open courtyard preserving the original footprint of the church building, along with other restorable vertical portions of the historic building. The former nave will be a courtyard and will be designed to provide flexible seating and open-air event space. The majestic two towers, the narthex, and the facade of the church will be restored to the original condition.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	500,000	38%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	50,000	4%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Yes \$2.8 million, through the State of Florida, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which was used for lost revenue, per Federal Guidelines.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 2024

12. 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.

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13. 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: Other		
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	Renovation and construction.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Preservation of the history of this African American community in the Main Street/CRA District as well as the entire community is essential for the future. The site will serve the school district, as it did at the time of initial construction, community groups for the historical significance as to how the community has evolved around this church that is a significant structure to the state, region, and local community. When preserved it will serve as a destination for all to learn and appreciate its contribution to the community's history. A significant piece of minority history will be gone if the church is not preserved.

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

The restored St. Luke Church will serve as an educational site for not only Jackson County, but also the region as a place to learn and experience the history of the African-American minority community. In addition, the site will serve other community groups, not only from Jackson County but also from the region as an icon for historical significance as to how the community and region evolved around the church and area.

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

Direct services provided as a result of this project will be providing educational, recreational, and historic resource to the city and Community Redevelopment Area. In addition, the facility will provide an outdoor venue for events, both public and private, along with parking.

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

The entire population of Marianna, Florida, directly, which is approximately 6,245. However, the facility would serve not only Jackson County but also fellow Floridians that want to experience education, culture and community life of a small rural Florida community. It should also be noted that Jackson County, along with all cities within the county have been designated by the Governor as a Rural Area of Opportunity, (RAO) formally Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC).

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

The expected outcome is to have an educational and historic site that preserves the history and community life reflective in small rural communities, with a focus on African-American culture, throughout the region. This will be a one of a kind event and education facility for the region.

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 the contract?

The contracting agency, City of Marianna has established a Critical Path with date specific targets for pre-development. Once bids are received and awarded for the project, the contract will have specific contract completion dates, if not met contractor will be subject to Liquidated Damages, assessed on a daily basis.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity



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☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) Municipal Government (City)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number