



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1705

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Modeled after the Simon Wiesenthal Center's three existing Mobile Museum of Tolerance (MMOT) in Illinois and two in Canada, the two Florida MMOT buses will be free traveling mobile education centers, utilizing innovative technology and interactive lessons to bring a message of tolerance directly to communities across the state of Florida.

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

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	2,500,000	105	No

9. Is future 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.

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

No

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



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### 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    
  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?

**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.**

**13. 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	Salaries and benefits for HR and Accounting staff dedicating time to this project.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for FL MMOT Director, Educators (4), Project Coordinator, Director of Southern Region, and Executive Assistant dedicating time for this project.	553,785
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel costs for Educators, training staff, conferences, insurance, facilities, supplies, and equipment in connection with the project.	319,845
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Operations and maintenance for two buses, program costs for curriculum, video content, custom software and exhibit development, speakers, and security.	1,026,370
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The MMOT inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to use their voices to speak up against bullying, racism, antisemitism, hate and intolerance, and to promote human dignity. The MMOT is an inventive approach to community outreach bringing the museum field trip directly to the community.

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



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The two Florida MMOT's will be guided and directed in coordination with the renowned educational programs innovated at the Museum of Tolerance. The two Florida Mobile Museums of Tolerance (funded in the Florida 2024 budget) will offer teacher guided workshops offering dynamic experiences that challenge students, criminal justice professionals, community members, and educators to confront their closely held assumptions in order to be beacons for positive change. The two Florida MMOT's will traverse the state to schools and organizations bringing its programs and capacity to hundreds of schools each year.

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

Through workshops on topics including Civil Rights, the Holocaust, bullying, and the dangers of hate on social media; students, educators, and community members will not only be educated, but they will also be moved. This is when learning is most effective - when it illuminates and guides who we are.

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

In addition to serving middle and high school students, the MMOT is an educational resource for teachers, faith groups, law enforcement agencies, government leaders, and the community at large.

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

The MMOT hopes to inspire Floridians to stand up to hate and strive to make a positive social change.

**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?**

Return the money back to the state.

**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
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number