



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1276

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is for construction of an outside venue with an acoustically engineered amphitheater area of approximately 8,000 square feet with an open spectator area of two and half acres accommodating approximately 5,000 spectators. This will lie in the center of the newly expanded 80-acre Veteran's Memorial Park located in central Brevard County on Merritt Island. The existing Veteran's Memorial Park is located directly south of State Road 520 with access via Sykes Creek Parkway which terminates at the entrance of the park.
 More than 105,000 persons annually attend the museum, services center and park with museum visitors from 35 states and 18 foreign countries. The Brevard County Facilities division is spearheading the development and construction of the amphitheater utilizing local funds from the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) and Brevard County Tourism Development Council.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	21%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,870,833	79%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	4,870,833	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.



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

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

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)?

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.

Brevard County owns Veteran's Memorial Park, which includes the site of the proposed amphitheater. The funds will be utilized for construction and site work to include: building restrooms, concession areas, repaving the parking lot, landscaping and irrigation, foundation for medal of honor memorial, and installation of security and lighting fixtures.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Currently, the local funds from the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency and the Brevard County Tourism Development Office will cover the construction of the amphitheater structure, and seating area itself. However, funds are needed for additional site work, to include restrooms, lift station and utility connections, concessions areas, additional parking areas, ingress/egress, repaving existing parking lots, installing lights, security system, landscaping and irrigation.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The funds will be utilized in conjunction with local funding for the project, and enable the completion of the Amphitheater complex, associated infrastructure and green space.

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

The funds will be utilized for construction and site work to include: building restrooms, concession areas, repaving the parking lot, landscaping and irrigation, foundation for medal of honor memorial, and installation of security and lighting fixtures. Live events with audiences.

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

With the 80 acre park, lake, and Indian River Lagoon's Sykes Creek as the back drop, the Amphitheater will host veterans events, ceremonies, plays, concerts, and other activities serving a culturally significant purpose for veterans, visitors and families. The Brevard County Symphony Orchestra is in strong support of this project. The Amphitheater design is large enough to support orchestral as well as theatrical events. Other services provided to citizens and visitors include a newly renovated green space with utility infrastructure to accommodate large scale events, as well as picnics, parties, a children's playground, and other forms of recreation and competitive events for Scouts, and JROTC.

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

Residents of Brevard County, Tourists to the area, and Veterans are the largest populations that will be served. Approximately 64,528 (14%) of Brevard County residents are Veterans. Approximately 105,000 (veterans, guests, and visitors) annually attend the Veterans Center, Park, and Museum. This includes more than 25 annual Veterans sponsored events including Scout use, such as Eagle Scout ceremonies, Sea Cadets, and JROTC Raider Challenge Meets.

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

The amphitheater and green space is projected to accommodate lawn seating for up to 5,000 people. With construction of the Amphitheater, total annual attendance at the Veterans Amphitheater, Museum, Medal of Honor Memorial Park and Services Center, is projected to reach 263,976 persons. This will include 26 major scheduled events for Veterans, Citizens, and Visitors. Those attending will visit and utilize the property for relaxation, entertainment, exercise, recreation, reflection, and other appropriate uses of public parks, the veterans museum and veterans services.

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?

N/A

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



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number