

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Sankofa Project - Black Cultural Tourism Project
2. Date of Submission: 01/06/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Bruce Antone

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	3,000,000	3,000,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Geraldine Thompson
- b. Organization: State of Florida - Senator
- c. Email: mayz66@aol.com
- d. Phone #: (407)765-9904

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Florida Department of State
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Brevard, Orange, Palm Beach
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

The Sankofa Project will attract and expand Florida's tourist markets by nurturing heritage resources that will lead to job creation for tour operators, souvenir vendors, entertainers, coach operators, museums and cultural locations. The historic sites in many Florida communities represent economic potential waiting to be tapped. Communities will realize increased dollars for economic development.

Funds will be used to rehabilitate and revitalize historic sites and cultural districts and memorialize stories and traditions connected to African American historic sites and individuals. The funds will be used to promote tourism to a niche market interested in African American culture and heritage. The Sankofa project will assist Florida to attract tourists who travel to experience the places, people, and activities related to African American culture.

The Florida Department of State will receive and disperse the funds. African American historical sites will apply to the Department of State for funds that will allow them to connect with tourists who seek information and experiences focused on the lifestyles, architecture, religions, history, art, cuisine, festivals and rituals of African Americans past and present. Sites identified to apply for the inaugural launch of Sankofa include the Moseley House Museum, Spady Museum, Hurston House, Wells Built Museum, and Excelsior School. Festivals which could receive support include, the Zora Hurston Festival, Jazz in the Gardens and Juneteenth.

Proposed deliverables include rehabilitation of structures to include installation of new roofs, new windows, plumbing to accommodate people with disabilities, fabrication and installation of informational signs indicating significant events of the Civil Rights Movement along a nature trail, development of heritage trails, historical tours, library and research development, digitization of historic documents, employment of curators and archivists, digital exhibits, touring of educational plays and performances, genealogy research and workshops, and expansion of hours of operation. The Department of State will negotiate timelines with individual sites.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes