

General Funding Request FY25 - FY26

The museum submitted 10 funding requests, encompassing both general fund and revenue/grant funded applications. These requests were designed to support new positions and address escalating operational expenses. While we had requested an increase in funding totaling \$459,357, as is typical the administration saw fit to approve a subset of these requests. This report outlines the approved allocations and their implications for our museum's operations.



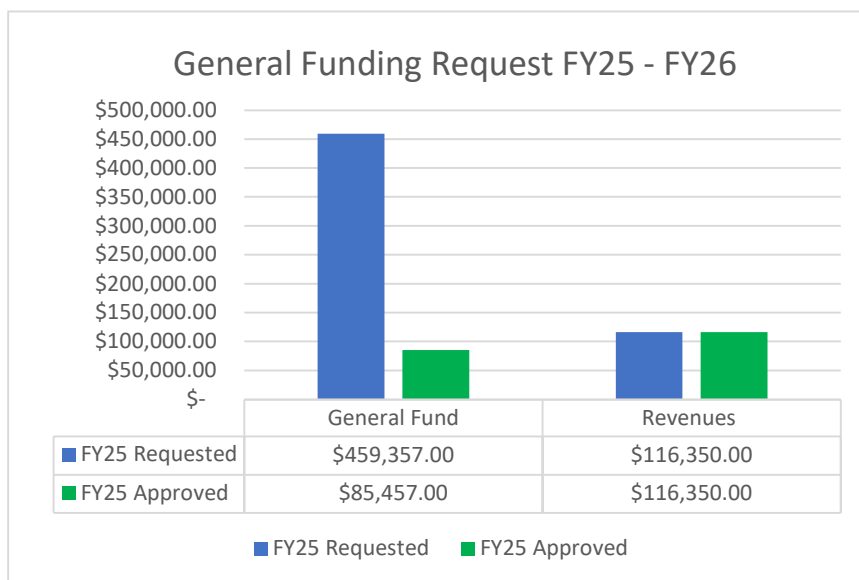
Funding Requests

- The museum applied for a total of 10 funding requests, which included 9 general fund requests and 1 revenue/grant funded request.
- Out of these requests, 7 were for new positions, and they were categorized into different areas:
 - 4 positions were research and science-related.
 - 2 positions were operations-related.
 - 1 position was education-related.
- The remaining 3 funding requests were for additional funds to cover rising operational expenses, and they included:
 - One-time American Alliance of Museum accreditation fees.
 - An ongoing increase in funding to offset rising VITA costs.
- The total increase in funding requested amounted to \$459,357.

Approved Allocations: The Secretary concluded her review of budget submissions and approves a portion of funding of your original submission.

Specifically:

- Education Support Specialist II for half the funding at \$37,850. The Secretary approves that the state pays for half of this position and additional revenue from the program or fundraising will pay for the other half.
- Curator Promotion
- VITA for the full \$40,000
- Research Associate for no funding approval of the use of the funds



Results -

The administration's approval of these appropriations will positively impact our museum's operations, allowing us to bolster our education, research, and operational capabilities. It is not the total requested, but Museum's staff is satisfied with the resulting approvals. The request will still need to make it through the legislative approval process before being adopted.