

# Unity Project

## Inclusive Pensacola History

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This is a request for Triumph funds to create an open space inclusive history venue throughout the urban core of the city of Pensacola.

Presently, the history of the city as displayed in its monuments to various historical persons and events, does not reflect an inclusive history that represents the struggles, aspirations and accomplishments of women, slaves, Native Americans, indigenous people, working people, people with disabilities, African Americans, ethnic minorities and diverse cultures.

The Unity Project will fund the creation of additional historical monuments that represent the true diversity of the City of Pensacola. Through the collaborative efforts of a Unity Project Monument Committee, appointed by the Pensacola City Council and the Mayor of the City, suggestions for the planning and implementation of the project will be submitted to the City Council for discussion, public input, and approval.

The location of the Unity Project in the urban core will enhance the interest of tourist in the downtown historic district and surrounding communities. It will also serve as an educational venue for area students.

Many cities throughout the United States have inclusive historical monuments, such as the Points of Light Monument in Washington D.C., monuments to slaves, Native Americans, women, people with disabilities and many others. The creation of a Unity Project Monument venue will have a positive impact on the ability of the City of Pensacola to promote the area as progressive and inclusive of all people.

The estimated cost for the project is \$3,000,000.00 based on the cost of monuments that have been built in Pensacola in the past 10 years.

Submitted by City Councilwoman Sherri Myers  
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