



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2127

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds needed for project management and construction to expand/rehab and build a 66,503 sq.ft. jail from 232 beds to 122,249 sq. ft. 444 beds as designed to safely accommodate increased adult and juvenile female/male prisoners and protect first responders/employees. The current antiquated facility built in 1986 is insufficient, has major plumbing issues, obsolete equipment & does not meet rules/regulations to properly address increases of the inmate population, separation of male/female inmates and safe processing of inmates. Project addresses the life, health and safety of law enforcement employees/first responders/inmates/the public as they are at risk in this old antiquated facility. Promotes employment/jobs, increases revenues in this Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern and Rural Area of Opportunity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	30,000,000	46%
Other	20,000,000	31%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	65,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?



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Yes

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

The County received \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds that was used to address Jail Expansion/Renovation from revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure and tourist development shortfall.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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.

The County is the owner and the entity.

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	Contractual Project management and construction services.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to expand/rehab and construct the 66,503 sq.ft. facility from 232 beds to 122,249 sq.ft. 444 beds facility to safely accommodate increased adult & juvenile female/male prisoners & protect law enforcement/1st responders/employees/public. Funds used to seek contractual project management & construction services to fix old plumbing; add new inmate housing, safe intake & processing area; food service/laundry, medical areas and administration offices; emergency generator, demolition of existing pods and complete site work. A Committee was created to input/review proposals. A feasibility study was conducted and the County initiated consultant design services.

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

Activities include project management and construction services to complete the project as designed that includes but not limited to addressing the plumbing issues, demolishing existing structures, adding 55,746 sq.ft. that includes a 212 bed housing unit; a secure intake and processing area; laundry/food service areas; needed administration, medical space, emergency generator, ADA compliance, complete site work through the County's procurement policies and procedures.

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

Citizens are better served by improved facilities creating a safer, more secure, and positive environment that leads to less liability on the County and vicariously upon the tax payers. Environment encouraging the recovery and improvement of those incarcerated to increase the probability of becoming productive and contributing members of the community and reducing recidivism.

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

Population served is the residents and visitors of Okeechobee County that is designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81; and as outlined in F.S. 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity; law enforcement personnel, first responders including the inmate population: Greater than 40,000 expected to be served.

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

Expected outcome is a fully renovated/constructed facility that provides appropriate and safe sheriff facilities and adequate jail accommodations to address increasing inmate populations and safely protect law enforcement personnel/visitors/citizenry; improve State revenues; increase workforce (13 jobs created). Improve mental/physical health, inmate education, protect general public from harm, reduce recidivism and substance abuse. Completion and certification of the project.

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?

Contractual milestones to be adhered to throughout the project; non-payment of invoices until milestones addressed; corrective action plan, liquidated damages, if needed.

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