



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2412

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will provide a covering for the Jefferson County Horse Arena. This would allow for more events to take place there in addition to the festivities held on site during our annual Watermelon Festival, as well as multiple rodeo events throughout the year. In the past, weather has been a major factor in the success or failure of these events.

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	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	950,000	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?

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



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The COVID-19 funds were utilized to retrofit offices to better protect the office staff. The amount received was \$2,658,739.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/24

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 owner of the property is the University of FL/IFAS. Jefferson County has a 99 year lease to utilize the land and maintain the buildings for our extension office and 4-H programs.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funds will be spent in the planning/engineering/construction of the project.	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

14. Program Performance

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

This will allow for more community outdoor gatherings for the citizens of Jefferson and surrounding counties. The mission of our county is to preserve our agricultural way of life and adding a roof over the current arena will allow us have events and not need to cancel due to our Florida showers.

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



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Having a covered structure will allow more year round programing for agricultural events. The horse arena is on the same grounds as our County Extension(IFAS) office. They could have more of their educational events held there. This will allow more on hands learning and will enhance the county's main yearly event which is the Watermelon Festival.

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

This will allow for more hands on learning for our 4-H extension facilities as well as community events like our Watermelon Festival.

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

We would utilize this facility for our entire community which includes Jefferson County School District, Chamber of Commerce, 4-H, and our entire 14,555 population of residents.

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

We expect to be able to expand the communities agritourism. We would show this by hosting or partnering with multiple entities throughout the year.

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?

We would return all funds received for the project.

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

- 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**



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number