



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2797

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will enable Gilchrist County to expand our local Department of Health operations and services by remodeling an adjacent building at the current campus. The new space will accommodate Environmental Health and administrative staff, allowing for clinic expansion. The additional space will permit the removal of an outdated portable building, providing desperately needed parking. Our DOH serves the Tri-County area and is a regional destination for Pediatric Dental services as we are one of very few Medicaid providers. Our Pediatric Dental Clinic serves children from as far away as Jacksonville, Tallahassee and every community in between. Furthermore, the DOH Environmental Health sector will have more efficient space and operations. These services are critical and directly relate to the massive growth and expansion seen in Gilchrist, Levy and Dixie Counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	395,968
Total State Funds Requested	395,968

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	395,968	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	50,000	10%
Local	50,000	10%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	495,968	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.

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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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 facility is owned by The City Of Trenton Florida which is the County Seat and the geographic location of the Department Of Health for Gilchrist County which also serves Dixie and Levy (the Tri-County area). The City of Trenton has established an MOU with the DOH to provide a guaranteed ten year renewable lease of the building, without charge.

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	Funding will bring the building to code, and remodel interior space, including electrical, plumbing, drywall, windows, flooring, paint and fixtures- providing desperately needed office and conference space, a public reception area and ADA compliant restrooms.	395,968
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		395,968

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds will remodel an existing building with local historical significance, providing much needed functional space to our Department of Health, while preserving our small town Florida heritage. The building is located adjacent to the current Clinic and Environmental Health campus. It will provide much needed space for the public to patron Environmental Health while also supplying administrative offices. The relocation of Environmental Health and administrative employees allows for required expansion in the Clinic. This remodel also permits us to remove an outdated portable building which will become desperately needed parking space at the Department of Health and relieve traffic congestion at 2 busy intersections.

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

The two-story, 2600 sq. ft. brick building will be ADA compliant, provide parking while reducing traffic congestion and improving safety. Funding will bring the building to code, and remodel interior space, including electrical, plumbing, drywall, windows, flooring, paint and fixtures- providing desperately needed office and conference space, a public reception area and ADA compliant restrooms.

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

Direct services will be expanded Environmental Health Services including Wastewater/Septic Permitting, Well Water Testing, Preparedness and Response, Animal Bite, Epidemiology Investigation, Communicable Disease Testing and treatment, Chronic Disease Prevention, Child & Adult Immunizations, Vital Statistics, Family Planning, Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening, School Physicals, WIC, Women's Health, Community Health, Healthy Start and REGIONALLY VITAL CHILDRENS DENTAL services.

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

The general public is served by this project. A total number of individuals expected to be served is hard to calculate as this project will benefit Gilchrist, Dixie and Levy counties. However, the Department of Health Clinic and Environmental Health provided over 94,000 individual services to Gilchrist county alone this year.

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

The expected benefit and outcome will be additional space for DOH staff to operate, improved and additional space for the public to visit DOH Environmental Health, and will allow relocation of non-clinical staff and provide the space needed to expand our current Clinic operations. Gilchrist County is the fastest growing county in the state which has directly impacted Environmental Health and Clinical operations.

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?

Deliverables/Performance will be measured monthly. If deliverables/performances are not met according to contract, they will be addressed immediately by County staff and the County engineer. If corrections are not successful within a timely manner, funds will be returned.

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