



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Hardee County Cattlemen’s Arena and Exposition Hall Improvements

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Cattlemen’s Arena is located on approximately 11.5 acres within a 70 acre site owned by the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners. The County has a Lease Agreement with the Cattlemen’s Association. Facilities currently consist of a covered arena, stock pens, restroom accommodations & an exhibition hall. Facility upgrades include an ADA compliant restroom, an entry-way, 2 permanent barns, & fans for the arena. The Cattlemen’s Arena has been an institution for the County for more than 37 years. There are no other facilities located within Hardee that can reasonably accommodate multiple community events such as the Hardee County Fair that host approximately 15,000 visitors, 4-H and FFA livestock shows & sales, high school graduation ceremonies, barrel racing & other rodeo events. Additionally, the annual Story of Jesus/...Noah/...Moses outdoor theatre productions are held in the Arena that brings more than 12,000 spectators to see the live performance during the 5-week event.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	225,000	225,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 225,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2016-17
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b>		
	A	B	C
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
<b>Input Amounts:</b>			

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

No

**11. Program Performance:**

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

To provide safe structures that include current ADA compliance regulations, improved educational facilities, adequate arena facilities.

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

Contractual engineering and construction services for renovation and upgrades, pre-existing bathroom; the exhibit halls – electrical & lighting upgrades, internal façade for arts, crafts and agricultural related education exhibits; covered concrete “y-shaped” walkway from the west end of the exhibit hall to the arena; additional concrete for ADA compliant ramps & changing stations for bathrooms; concrete for a 30’ X 36’ area for judging livestock; additional 25’ X 20’ outbuilding for citrus.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Engineering & Construction Services	225,000
TOTAL		225,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Safe, code compliance, with ADA facilities to attend and participate in educational community events, 4-H and FFA programs & events, rodeo, barrel racing, County fair activities and events.

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

Florida residents & visitors, special needs, elderly, at-risk youth, students, business community, surrounding communities. 15,000 +

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

Safe, up to code facilities including ADA facility requirements and accessibility, enrich cultural experience, improve education, increase tourism, improve, economic activity, employment opportunities, increase revenues

**g. 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 in the contract?**

Non payment of invoices

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

**a. Name:** Lexton Albritton, Jr.

**b. Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners



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- d. **Phone Number:** (863)773-9430

### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Hardee
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Lexton Albritton, Jr.
- e. **E-mail Address:** Lex.albritton@hardeecounty.net
- f. **Phone Number:** (863)773-9430

### 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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