



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1294

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

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

To renovate and upgrade pre-existing bathrooms, exhibit halls, address ADA ramps & changing stations, improvements may include but not be limited to adding judging livestock area & outbuildings located on approximately 11.5 acres within a 70-acre site owned by the Hardee County Board of Commissioners. Facility upgrades include ADA compliant restroom, an entry-way, & 2 permanent barns & circulation apparatus 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 & FFA livestock shows & sales, high school graduation ceremonies, barrel racing & other rodeo events.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency Contacted? Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	225,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>225,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	225,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2016-17		300,000	1442B	Yes

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No**



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**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
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
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	contractual architectural/engineering & construction services	225,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>225,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

To provide safe up to code 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 bathrooms; ADA compliant ramps & restrooms & changing stations for bathrooms; 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, entryway, barns, circulation apparatus for arena, judging livestock area & outbuildings for citrus.

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

Life, health & safety of citizenry in and on County owned property to include ADA accessibility & accommodations, code compliance facilities to attend and participate in educational community events, 4-H and FFA programs & events, rodeos, barrel racing, County fair activities and events.

**d. 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 - 12,000+

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



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Safe, up to code facilities including ADA facility requirements and accessibility on County owned property. Improved facility provides avenue to expand & improve ag/fair educational programs, enrich cultural experience, agricultural production, economic activity, increase attendance, tourism & revenues. Employment maintained from 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 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:**

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- 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)
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