



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1572

1. Title of Project: City of Bonifay Memorial Field Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor: George Gainer

3. Date of Submission: 02/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Memorial Field Improvements project is crucial in order to protect and provide safety to citizens and guests who attend high school football and Pee Wee football games, graduations, and the Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo which is held annually and will celebrate its 75th anniversary in October 2019. The proposed project includes replacing the supporting structure of the stands and replacement of guardrails. An existing retaining wall that supports the walkways and stands will be partially replaced. There will be drainage system improvements and the installation of a protective covering on all of the retaining walls. This project has been discussed at regularly scheduled council meetings from 2016 to the present year and is documented in the Memorial Park Stadium Inspection study prepared by Mott MacDonald in November 2016.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,213,612
Total State Funds Requested	1,213,612

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)	1,213,612	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,213,612	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Rebuild a portion of the failing retaining wall and improve drainage, repair structure of stand's supports, replacement of guard rails, long term surface protection. This includes survey, design, and construction.	1,213,612
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,213,612

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of this project is to ensure the safety of citizens and guests that attend the stadium by replacing the supporting structure of the stands and guardrails. The existing retaining wall that supports the walkways and stands will be partially replaced. There will be improvements of the drainage systems within the stadium and installation of a protective covering on all of the retaining walls.

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

This project will require engineering design and inspections and utilization of various construction vendors to complete and ensure that the funds are spent in the most beneficial way and to address the most needed repairs and improvements.

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

Memorial Field is the only facility that is available for large outdoor events. It is the home of the Holmes County High School football team, Pee Wee football, and the Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo, and is a graduation venue. The improvements proposed will ensure safety for all people who attend these events.

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

All citizens in Holmes County and the surrounding counties that include Washington, Jackson, Walton, and Bay. The rodeo alone brings in approximately 15,000 people for one weekend annually, with the school events attracting approximately 1,000 weekly.

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



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will be measured?

The project would enrich cultural experiences for people who attend the various events held at the facility and it would protect the general public. Success would be measured by an increase in the number of people who attend events due to improved conditions, an increase in ticket sales to these events, and an increase in events held at the facility. It would increase or improve economic activity by the additional attendees patronizing businesses within the community, creating a greater tax revenue. Additionally, development of additional businesses within the community would be another measure.

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?

The city will award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents will provide documentation for liquidated damage costs for project duration overruns. The bid documents will also require the contractors to provide performance and payment bonds which will protect the city and subcontractors working on the project. A 10-percent retainer be withheld from all payments to the contractor to provide quality assurance throughout the construction process. Standard contract penalties for the contract between the city and the state agency will be adequate.

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.

The City of Bonifay

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Bonifay
- b. **County:** Holmes
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**