



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1725

**1. Title of Project:** Historic Fort Meade Outpost - Phase I development

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/07/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The specific purpose that will be achieved by the funds requested is the design and construction of the initial phase of the Historic Fort Meade Outpost, an equestrian and multi-use tourism and agricultural education/promotion facility in the City of Fort Meade, in Polk County. This project is an economic development project sponsored by the City of Fort Meade and supported by Polk County through Polk County Tourism and Sports Marketing (VisitCentralFlorida.org). Total project is described in detail at <http://fortmeadeoutpost.com/>

**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	420,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,580,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	40.8%
Federal	1,000,000	8.2%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	8.2%
Local	5,265,522	42.9%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>12,265,522</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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

**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		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted project manager during preparation, design, construction, and initial operations startup period.	89,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Operating staff: facilities manager, administrative staff, events staff	189,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Utilities, general administrative expenses, supplies, repairs/maintenance, marketing/promotion, travel	106,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted labor, contractual services	36,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Market study, land planning, engineering, construction	4,580,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The funds requested will accomplish the design, construction, and initial operational startup of the initial phase of the Historic Fort Meade Outpost project, an equestrian-themed economic development project initiated by the City of Fort Meade with the support of Polk County.

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

The Historic Fort Meade Outpost project Phase 1 facilities will provide a venue for equestrian and agricultural events such as horse shows, rodeo, equestrian and agricultural competitive events, fair-type events, 4H and FFA, as well as non-agricultural events such as car shows, concerts, and private events.

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

Most events conducted at the Outpost will be open to the public for both participation and attendance. These events will provide for improvement in physical and mental health; improved agricultural production/promotion/education; improved quality of education through programs for educators (both agricultural and non-agricultural); increased/improved economic activity; increased tourism; and creation of additional and immediate job opportunities.

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

The wide range of events that will be offered at the Outpost will benefit individuals from children up through senior citizens; families, and elementary, secondary, and post-secondary age school groups. In addition, at-risk youth and physically disabled persons of all ages have been shown to benefit from participation in structured equestrian and agriculture-related programs. Programs focused on agricultural employment preparation, such as the successful Polk Career Academy programs, may also locate at the Outpost facilities. The estimated annual participation in Outpost equestrian events is 14,000, drawn from the following Florida counties: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry,



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Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia.

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

Due to the variety of offerings, each activity or event will have its own measurement plan and methodology. Many of the outcomes described above are subjective to the participant and will be measured by observation and through participant surveys. Effectiveness and outcomes for programs that have objectively-measurable outcomes, e.g., education/educator improvement programs, may be measured through the use of pre-and post-program participant surveys, as well as pre- and post-program subject matter exams and instructor/sponsor surveys.

**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.**

The City of Fort Meade owns the property where the Outpost project will be located, and will be the owner of the facilities that will be constructed. Operation of the facilities will be carried out through lease or similar agreements with qualified operations vendors.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Fort Meade
- b. **County:** Polk
- 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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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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