



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1909

1. **Title of Project:** N.E. Florida Fair Multi-Purpose Facility

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/23/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Expansion of Northeast Fl. Fairgrounds. Present facility it not adequate to meet the growth in Nassau County. Will add two arena type buildings to be used for multi-purpose including but not limited to: Yearly Fair, Community activities, training clinics for 4H, FFA students and also law enforcement, Health Fairs, family rodeos, and most importantly during evacuations related to weather, fires, etc.

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	990,000
Total State Funds Requested	990,000

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)	990,000	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	990,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		550,000	1452B	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 990,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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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	Construction of the Multi Purpose SART Facility	990,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		990,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Expand our present building, barns and parking lots to meet the needs of our increasing number of patrons and exhibitors. Expansion will increase space 150%.

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

We host a 4H and FFA yearly Agricultural Fair allowing youth to participate from all counties in the Northeast Florida area. Yearly Clinics for youth to learn about Animal Husbandry as well as exhibiting cattle, swine, horses, poultry and rabbits. The Nassau County EOC is allowed to utilize this facility at anytime necessary. We are also a SART Facility for the Dept. of Agriculture.

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

The citizens may bring their families and participate in the yearly fair, local Non-profit organizations are allowed to sell food and products to help fund their yearly projects and expenses. School groups, ROTC, 4H and FFA may participate. During inclement weather the fairgrounds provides a safe haven for animals who must be evacuated, that allows their owner to stay with the animals. The EOC will be given the full rights to the facility if need arises for staging area, evacuation or whatever need arises.

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

All of Northeast Florida which includes Nassau, Duval, St Johns, Clay, Baker, Columbia, Bradford and Union are invited to attend our local fair. Last year we had over 45,000 participants in the fall fair. Other activities can be held on our fairgrounds with annual visitation over 100,000.

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

Nassau County is growing in record numbers. As a result of this we have seen an increase in our participants over the past few years. In 2018 we were at capacity during our fair on several days. Our gate numbers reflect



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the amount of attendance. With the expansion of new neighborhoods this will bring increasing numbers of patrons. The events held here are family oriented and encourages education while sharing the history of our heritage.

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?

If a recipient of this funding does not meet the stated requirements and deadlines, then funding should be withheld the following year. This will penalize those who do not comply with the operating requirement listed in their contract.

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.

Northeast Fla. Fair Association has been in existence for the past 70 years. We are a NON Profit organization that is presently debt free. The Association consist of 17 Board of Directors with an Officers slate. All acts of conducting business are approved at a Board of Directors meeting. Our Facility is built upon land owned by Nassau County School Board. The NEFFA has a very good working relationship with our local School Board.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Northeast Florida Fair Association
- b. **County:** Nassau
- 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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