



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3622

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Heritage Park is the center focal point for downtown Wauchula, where public events are held, residents and visitors enjoy on a daily basis. The public restrooms are 25 years old and need renovated/replaced to meet current safety standards, code compliance including ADA accessibility. Contractual services include new design, plumbing, electrical, lighting, roofing, all new fixtures, etc. Wauchula is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in Hardee County, which is a rural area opportunity, as designated by the Governor in Executive Order No. 11-81 per s. 288.0656, F.S.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Received \$2,397,086; Funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The City of Wauchula is both owner and entity.

### 13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services to renovate/repair/replace 25 year old public restrooms at Heritage Park, that include design, permitting, bidding, project management, administration and construction services.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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To provide clean, safe, ADA accessible modern public restrooms at the City's downtown Heritage Park. This popular park serves as a focal point for downtown events and activities for the citizenry, residents, visitors, and local businesses to enjoy. Public events and gatherings are held, residents/visitors enjoy eating and gathering for social activities on a regular basis. The 25 year old facilities need remodeled/replaced/renovated to include ADA accessibility safety improvements, a new roof, new plumbing, electrical, lighting, new fixtures, fire safety apparatus, etc. .

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

Seeking contractual services for design, construction, administrative and construction services through the city's procurement policies.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Citizens will have safe, clean and modern public restrooms to use while enjoying Heritage Park. Provides for protection of life, health and safety issues, with ADA compliance regulations addressed.

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

The target population in this financially disadvantaged municipality that is located in Hardee County, which is designated as a rural area of opportunity includes residents, visitors, elderly persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000 people.

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

Expected benefit is a safe, modern public restroom facility that meets current building and fire safety codes, including ADA compliance requirements. Completion and certification of the 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 the contract?**

Non payment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**