



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3059

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

170 12'x12' Cat 5 hurricane rated stalls will be constructed as a free emergency shelter for livestock owners in the Treasure Coast & surrounding area. The closest facility offering this is the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, over 200 miles away. Our facility will be available to livestock and equine owners beginning 72 hours prior to a named storm and 5 days post storm. Currently livestock owners turn their animals loose, attaching a phone number to the animal and they simply hope they are found and returned in the event of an emergency. This creates a potential danger to property, motorists, and emergency responders. Our location will provide a safe and secure facility where livestock owners can bring their horses/livestock during an emergency.

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	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,700,000

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)	1,700,000	78%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	468,117	22%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,168,117	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	0		No

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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of 170 12'x12' Cat 5 hurricane rated stalls.	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,700,000

14. Program Performance

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



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On the Treasure Coast in Florida, building hurricane-related equine stalls offers several benefits: emergency shelter for equine owners and their animals, storm protection, livestock safety, asset protection, peace of mind, resilience and community benefits. The invest in these structures ensures the safety and security of horses and livestock during severe weather conditions. Currently, there is no equine disaster response plan or shelter available for horses and livestock on the Treasure Coast.

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

The construction of 170 12'x12' Category 5 hurricane rated stalls will be constructed as a free emergency shelter for livestock owners in the Treasure coast and surrounding area. The closest facility offering this is the World Equestrian Center in Ocala which is over 200 miles away. Our facility will be available to livestock and equine owners beginning 72 hours prior to a named storm and 5 days post storm.

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

Currently, livestock owners turn their animals loose, attaching a phone number to the animal and simply hope they are found and returned in the event of an emergency. This creates a potential danger to property, motorists and emergency responders. Our location will provide a safe and secure facility where livestock owners can bring their horses and livestock during an emergency.

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

This will serve the agriculture community throughout the state and in particular, owners of horses and livestock. This will be a benefit to the general community as it provides a safe place for livestock rather than letting them roam free.

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

Equine hurricane stalls help prevent horses and other livestock from becoming loose during hurricanes, which can pose a danger to the general public if these animals roam freely and potentially cause accidents or damage. Emergency services can concentrate on human safety and rescue efforts during a hurricane, rather than having to deal with lose or stranded animals. Data on Human Injuries: Tracking data related to human injuries or fatalities caused by loose animals during hurricanes and examining whether there has been a reduction in such incidents. Incident Reports: Analyzing official incident reports to assess the frequency and impact of accidents or damage caused by loose animals during hurricanes before and after the implementation of these stalls.

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?

If we are unable to meet development schedules, funds will go unclaimed.

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



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