



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2363

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Engage a consultant to complete an evaluation of the preferred site for a Council Chambers/Public Works building for the Village, evaluate alternative sites within the Village, and make recommendations regarding a preliminary site plan. Engage a consultant to design the Council Chambers/Public Works building.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	100%

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.

Local government discretionary sales surtax for infrastructure revenue could be used to fund the Project.

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

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



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Total CARES Act funds received = \$847,392 - for costs related to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Total American Rescue Plan Act funds received = \$3,163,892 - revenue replacement/provision of government 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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

n/a

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

n/a

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.

Islamorada, Village of Islands is the local government that would receive the funding and would be the owner of the facility when constructed.

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	Engage a consultant to complete an evaluation of the preferred site, evaluate alternative sites, and make recommendations regarding a preliminary site plan. Engage a consultant to design the Council Chambers/Public Works building.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Village Council holds its meetings/public hearings in a Community Center not designed for use as a Council meeting space. Some issues are: not enough space for all members of the public interested in attending meetings and the wear and tear on technology equipment due to set up and breakdown for each meeting. An old storage building is used as the Public Works facility. All vehicles and much equipment must be stored outside in the harsh conditions of the Florida sun and salt air. The ultimate goal is to construct a new facility, appropriate for the uses of local government meetings and a Public Works Facility. The funding request is for the services needed to determine the site, create a site plan, and design the facility.

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

A Council Chambers will benefit the public by providing increased indoor access to meetings and can be used by school and other groups for education and presentations. Now, overflow crowds are accommodated outside and allowed in one-by-one for public comment. Public Works vehicles and equipment serve the entire community; indoor storage would increase equipment life span and save tax dollars.

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

Citizens will benefit from the Council Chambers with improved access to the meetings of the Village Council, Boards and Committees. The Village would have a place for educational and other programs in a space designed for such use. The Community Center will become more available for fitness classes and activities. All residents benefit from the Public Works facility by a savings in tax dollars.

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

The target populations to be served by the project as it increases the availability of the Community Center include: elderly persons, persons with poor physical health, students of all age levels. The project would serve the general public with appropriate meeting space to accommodate more people interested in participating in the local government decision-making process and a proper Public Works facility for staff and to house equipment. The individuals expected to be served would number over 800.

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

Increased availability of the Community Center for fitness classes and events would result from the removal of government meetings from the facility. The increased number of classes and events from previous years would be recorded by staff. School groups utilizing the Council Chambers for civics classes, debates, etc. as the previous Council Chambers was used before being destroyed by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. The number of such events would be recorded by staff. Members of the public would no longer have to remain outside if the Council Chambers when 85 or more wish to attend the meeting. The number of meetings with over 85 public attendees would be recorded by staff.

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?

The Village would be required to repay any prepaid costs to the State of Florida if the funded activities are not completed.

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



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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
- 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