



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2755

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct a City Hall inclusive of law enforcement substation large enough to adequately house essential municipal governmental functions. Ensure that citizens and employees have a safe, healthy location for conducting city business, public meetings, and access to law enforcement services.

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	2,207,814
Total State Funds Requested	2,207,814

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)	2,207,814	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,207,814	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.

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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ARPA funds used for lift station repairs, park repairs/improvements

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? To be determined

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? To be determined

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.

City of Wewahitchka

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	Construct a City Hall inclusive of law enforcement substation large enough to adequately house essential municipal governmental functions. Ensure that citizens and employees have a safe, healthy location for conducting city business, public meetings, and access to law enforcement services.	2,207,814
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,207,814

14. Program Performance

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

The proposed City Hall project would provide a facility that is conducive to serving the needs of the public. Construct a City Hall inclusive of law enforcement substation large enough to adequately house essential municipal governmental functions. Ensure that citizens and employees have a safe, healthy location for conducting city business, public meetings, and access to law enforcement services.

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



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The current City Hall location, 211 N Hwy 71, does not have adequate space for conducting municipal business, gathering for public meetings, or providing law enforcement for public safety. The building provide City employees a safe facility for public service response on a daily basis and continuity of operations following a disaster. In addition, the building will also house a law enforcement substation in order to ensure the protection/safety of the general public.

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

Water, sewer, and sanitation services, provide public information regarding community events, activities, parks and recreation information, permitting, licenses, public records, community development, public meetings, response to public needs and City services following disasters. Law enforcement/public safety services.

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

Service to all of the Citizens in the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, and visitors to the area including:
 Elderly persons
 Persons with poor mental health
 Persons with poor physical health
 Jobless persons
 Economically disadvantaged persons
 Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
 Victims of crime

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

The need for a new City Hall was discussed at the Sept. 2021 public meeting. Numerous members of the public in attendance showed support. Sheriff Harrison also showed support for the project, and discussed the feasibility of a shared City Hall/Law Enforcement office with the Engineer and Board. It was agreed that a joint facility would save money and benefit the community.

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 Contractor will furnish a performance bond and payment bond, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price, as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of Contractor's obligations under the Contract. Based on the preliminary cost estimate of \$2,207,814 the contractor would be subject to a penalty of \$1,000 per day for not meeting the project deadline. The penalty would deter the contractor from being late and would cover additional inspections/administration costs.

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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local Municipal Government

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