



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1615

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will support the construction of a new library to cater to the requirements of the Oakleaf Plantation Community. This state-of-the-art facility will encompass a wide range of amenities and services, including but not limited to cultural resources, literacy programs, educational and enrichment offerings, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) resources, art facilities, dedicated study rooms, meeting spaces, and the possibility of serving as a polling location.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,250,000	85%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,000,000	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.

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.

The county received CARES, ARPA, and COVID-19 related grant funding for a broad range of public health and economic recovery projects related to the pandemic.

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?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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.

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

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	Capital outlay for construction of library - material, labor, and equipment.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construct a new library branch for an unserved area of the county.

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

Literacy, art, study rooms, education, and community services.



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

Library and community services.

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

All of Clay County, Florida (population 218,245)

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

Library services will include cultural resources, literacy education, community education, STEM programs, art programs, study rooms, meeting rooms, potential polling location, and other community amenities and services. This facility will support a growing community in Oakleaf that does not currently have a library. Success will be measured by attendance and registered users.

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 local government is responsible for conforming with all federal and state regulations governing the program. All local governments must comply with federal regulations and certify that, if funded, they will comply with all applicable laws and requirements.

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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information



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