



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3004

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To renovate the 29-acre Jackson County Agriculture Center Grounds following the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael. The center is available for use to the public 24/7 to fit an event's needs featuring 64 RV hookups, overnight horse stalls, restrooms, showers, indoor auditorium, covered arena, outdoor show arena, and ample parking, however many of the services have been severely limited due to storm damage, the center lost 4 of its 8 barns among other structures. The renovations would allow the Ag. Center to host large scale rodeo events both indoor and outdoor while providing suitable animal enclosures to allow for overnight livestock stays. The project includes the demolition of existing structures, site prep, foundation, install new barn (80x180x14), electrical/water infrastructure (for new barn), install new bleachers for arena, cow panels/chutes for arena rodeo upgrade, livestock stalls for new barn, new announcer's booth, outdoor arena improvements (panels, bleachers, lighting).

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	197,750
Fixed Capital Outlay	502,250
Total State Funds Requested	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)	700,000	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	700,000	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.

This project could potentially be funded from economic revitalization grants or from budgeted County funded (it would take several years to budget for these funds)



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

Yes

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

CARES ACT: Approx. \$7.5 million - allocations to Municipalities @ 25%, Public Safety Employees Reimbursements, PPE, Small Business Grants, IT Remote Equipment, etc.
 ARPA: Approx \$9 Million - salary expenses, balancing FY21-22 and FY22-23 budget, legal fees, and capital projects.

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.

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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	Architectural design for the new announcer's booth approximately 10ftx15ft, the booth would go under the main show arena and would need to be compatible with the electrical systems of the existing barn.	15,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cow Panels and rodeo chutes for Arena Upgrade, Livestock Stalls for new barn (\$1,500x100)	182,750
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Demo existing structures, site prep. / Foundation, Install New barn (80x180x14). Electrical/Water infrastructure (for new barn), Install New Bleachers for Arena, Rodeo upgrade, New announcement booth, outdoor arena improvement (cow panels for fencing, bleachers, lighting)	502,250
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The improvements to the Ag. Center would elevate the grounds to a top-of-the-line agricultural facility that can accommodate events such as Rodeos, Dog Shows, Family Reunions, Festivals, Banquets, Livestock Sales, Wedding Receptions, Horse Shows, Barrel Racing, and Team Roping events. All of which serve to enrich the community and continue to preserve the largely agriculturally based heritage of Jackson County. These improvements would also help to revitalize the local economy of Jackson County as we continue to recover from the impact of Hurricane Michael and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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

The Jackson County Ag. Extension office, Ag. Facilities Manager, and Procurement Officer will work closely together to facilitate the improvements to the grounds by lining up large scale purchasing, procuring architectural services, and hiring general contractors to complete the necessary installation work.

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

The 29-acre multi-purpose facility is managed by the county and is available for use to the public 24/7 to fit an event's needs featuring 64 RV hookups, overnight horse stalls, restrooms, showers, indoor auditorium, covered arena, outdoor show arena, and ample parking. The area also serves as a major draw for our tourism industry attracting larger events such as barrel racing and the circus. The center provides a recreational outlet for the citizens of Jackson County.

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

The project will primarily serve the citizens of Jackson County (est. population 48,000). Additionally, with the improvements the center will be able to host larger events attracting major sponsors and attractions from across the Country.

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

Increased revenue from increased capacity, enriching the cultural experience of the citizens by providing a safe outdoor recreational space for individuals and organizations to host events, a new livestock storage barn and arena improvements will allow the center to host larger events such as rodeos which are major draw for businesses/investors in the community and across the U.S., especially since the rodeos will not be prevented by rain events. Increase in tourism by expanding animal housing capacity.

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?

De-obligation of funding, failure to request additional funds in the future.

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



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- 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