



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2117

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

4. Project/Program Description

Dixie County is seeking funds for design and construction of a new ADA compliant library to better serve the community. The existing library, built in 1963, is in need of many repairs, with ongoing issues such as a leaking roof and a poorly functioning HVAC system. This situation has led to the unfortunate disposal of books and hindered the library's ability to serve as a vital hub of learning, engagement, and community gathering. Renovating the existing library building would not yield a favorable return on investment or offer the required space for future operational expansion. By providing public access to information through books, computers, and Wi-Fi, which also contributes to enhancing workforce development, Dixie County can better serve its community. To ensure accessibility to students, the parcel is strategically located within closer proximity of the Elementary, Middle, and High School in Cross City than the current library.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,078,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,078,000

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)	2,078,000	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	2,078,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No
- 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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Yes

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

The funds were used for the health and safety of the workers and emergency protective measures.

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	This appropriation will fund the engineering design, permitting, and construction of a new +/- 6,000 SF public library building. The project would also include construction of a parking lot and stormwater retention area.	2,078,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,078,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will be used to facilitate the design and construction of a new library spanning approximately 6,000 square feet. The primary goal is to establish a contemporary, inclusive, and efficient space that caters to the needs of the local rural community of Dixie County and the surrounding rural areas. Through ADA compliance, the facility will encourage and allow access for everyone. By addressing the evident need for an upgraded facility, the project aims to create a conducive environment for diverse community requirements, including educational programs, workshops, and technology access. Through the provision of an expanded and versatile new library, Dixie County aims to cultivate heightened engagement, facilitate the exchange of knowledge, and drive community development among both local residents and those from neighboring rural regions.

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

Design, permitting, engineering, and construction services will all be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds. Furthermore, a portion of the funding will be dedicated to ensuring that the building aligns with local building codes, safety standards, and accessibility prerequisites. As part of community engagement efforts, the building's design will incorporate key spaces such as classrooms, a study areas, a computer room, and a courtyard. These features deliberately intend to encourage residents to actively utilize the public library.

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

Direct services provided to the citizens of Dixie County include access to an extensive collection of literature, digital resources, and learning materials. The library's designated meeting rooms and event spaces will facilitate community gatherings, cultural events, and discussions, fostering social interactions among residents. The construction of the new library will support personal growth, skill development, and lifelong learning through access to educational programs, workshops, and training sessions hosted. The library will provide a platform for cultural events, exhibitions, and artistic endeavors, contributing to the cultural enrichment of the community, as well as ensuring access to the internet for research purposes. Offering a conducive learning and socially engaging facility, the library will contribute to an overall improved quality of life for individuals within the community.

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

The target population is visitors, students, teachers, residents, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals, people with no internet service, home-schooled children, and college students. With a population of approximately, 16,759 individuals in Dixie County is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes). All citizens will benefit from this project.

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

Through construction of a new library, the expected outcome is to create a multifaceted, inclusive, and modern library facility that serves as a hub of education, learning, culture, and community engagement. Benefits of this project include all individuals having access to learning, through ADA compliance measures. The project will provide access to digital resources, computers, and Wi-Fi to alleviate barriers faced by low-income individuals. Methodology by which this outcome will be measured through tracking the number of visitors, material borrowed, and attendance at workshops and events. Surveys and feedback will offer quantitative data on the perceived impact. Accessibility evaluation will provide insights into the effectiveness of ADA compliance measures.

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?

Standard contract penalties.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number