



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2213

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) was created by an Act of the Florida Legislature on May 14, 1959 and has since operated as an independent industrial development authority under the laws of Florida. The TCDA typically receives its annual funding from the Taylor County Commission. However, Taylor County has recently been plagued by two distinct economic hardships simultaneously, including a direct hit by Hurricane Idalia, followed a few weeks later by the closure of the Georgia Pacific Cellulose mill, the community's largest private employer. Taylor County, with a population of 21,815 people, expects to lose nearly 2,000 jobs.

This project seeks to temporarily increase the capacity of the TCDA to foster economic development within Taylor County in order to counterbalance the negative economic impacts created by these recent economic hardships.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	61%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	157,400	39%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	407,400	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.**
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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.

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	Personnel costs for increased staffing, including wages, retirement contributions and health insurance coverage.	162,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Advertising, promotions, marketing, communications, office supplies, printing and travel expenses.	42,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Economic Development consulting fees.	45,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
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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Increase the capacity of the Taylor County Development Authority to foster economic development within Taylor County in order to counterbalance the negative economic impacts of both the recent closure of the Georgia Pacific Cellulose mill and Hurricane Idalia.

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

The Taylor County Development Authority provides services to existing local businesses looking to expand as well as to prospective businesses wishing to locate new business operations in Taylor County. Services provided include help with site selection, navigation of local land use/planning & zoning regulations and processes, provision of utility services, availability of transportation and other infrastructure needs. Assistance with securing governmental Economic Incentives and/or grant funds for infrastructure improvements is also offered.

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

No direct services to individuals will be provided by this project.

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

The entire citizenry of Taylor County will be served by this project as everyone in Taylor County will benefit from an increase in the local job base and resulting improvements to the local economy.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to allow the Taylor County Development Authority to expand its current staffing levels in order to foster economic development within Taylor County in order to counterbalance the negative economic impacts of both the recent closure of the Georgia Pacific Cellulose mill and Hurricane Idalia by increasing the number of available local jobs. The methodology for measurement will be the number of employees added to nonfarm payrolls within Taylor County monthly.

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?

No penalties beyond those included in the contracting agency's standard contract are suggested.

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



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University or College

Other (please specify) Industrial Development Authority

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