



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2938

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Jackson County is in need of a convention center that can be used for conferences and events. The county has long had a vision for this space and has dedicated TDC monies to a lock-box to use specifically for this purpose which has been saved for approximately 20 years and has about \$2 million in funding. We received a \$1 million dollar appropriation in the current fiscal year to renovate the gym at the Endeavor property. Bids came in at \$4 million dollars which leaves an approximate \$1 million gap in funding. Renovating this facility will provide a premier event space for Jackson County. This will also preserve the historic gymnasium at this property.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	25%
Local	2,000,028	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,000,028	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	2341A	No

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.

RIF Grants through Florida Commerce

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.

CARES ACT: Approx. \$7.5 million - allocations to Municipalities @ 25%, Public Safety Employees Reimbursements, PPE, Small Business Grants, IT Remote Equipment, etc.
 ARPA: Approximately \$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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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		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	Renovation of the current Endeavor Gym into a convention center	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Construction/renovation of an existing facility

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

This will be used as a convention center and event space for the public to utilize. The vision is to have a fully operational convention center with stage, sound system, catering kitchen, parking, etc. The goal of these renovations is to allow Jackson County to have a premier event space that brings in large events- both locally and beyond.

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

All of Jackson County is expected to be served by this project. In addition, this project is expected to bring in large events from individuals and organizations outside of Jackson County.

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

Increased development and revitalization of the surrounding area. The location is close to I10 and is anticipated to bring large scale events to be held in this center. Outcomes will be measured by the ad-valorem and tourist development tax revenues received.

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; Restriction from requesting future funding

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)

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