



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1906

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To expand our present facility to accommodate it's uses for Nassau County's Emergency Operations Center staging site, Strategic, Animal Response Team (SART) Facility, and for increased population of our area resulting in increased attendees to a multitude of community events held on the fairgrounds throughout the year. Expansion will increase our building space by 150% and bring existing buildings up to code and ADA compliance.

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	990,000
Total State Funds Requested	990,000

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)	990,000	57%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,816	43%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,740,816	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	990,000	1546B	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.

N/A

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.



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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?

01/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

Northeast Florida Fair Association (501c3).

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	Architectural Design, Engineering and Site Preparation for the completion phase of the Community Center / Multipurpose Arena.	990,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		990,000

14. Program Performance

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

Expand the facility to accommodate the increasing numbers of citizens in the five surrounding counties. This will be used for educational purposes and community participation during the Northeast Florida Fair, year around events, animal evacuations, emergency operations and staging during natural disasters, and many other uses. The fairgrounds is over capacity and the new buildings will expand our facility to meet the growth in our community.

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



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Emergency Operations staging center for Local County EOCs, Staging center for Florida Power and Light during disaster prep, annual Agricultural Fair, The fairgrounds and facilities are routinely used by other non-profits (at no cost) for a multitude of events. Surrounding area 4H and FFA chapters are allowed free use of the venue for agricultural education programs.

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

Strategic Animal Response as shelter for local livestock during evacuations, Mess hall for EOC and Utilities workers during storm prep. Various community activities, Some examples are: COVID Testing and Vaccinations, Food Drives and Distributions, Job Fairs, Health Fairs, Mental Health Awareness, Relay4Life, Toys4Tots, Sheriff's Charities Fund Raisers, etc.

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

Those living in and around the five surrounding counties. During the yearly fair the Northeast Florida Fair serves over 50,000 with an additional population of those residing in the counties and number of participants. We expect to increase the number of visitors and seasonal jobs as a result of events held at this facility.

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

Improve physical and mental health by planning health fairs, improving community involvement , enriching cultural experience by providing a outdoor venue for concerts, exhibitions and educational projects. Measurable through participation numbers of patrons and community attendance. Improve agricultural promotion, education and production by partnering with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Enhance, preserve and improve environment through creating awareness. Encourage safety and protect the general public from harm by hosting safety fairs, exhibits, and partnering with Nassau County first responders and the Nassau County sheriffs office. All measurable outcomes as verifying numbers of attendees and program participation.

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?

If a recipient of this funding does not meet the stated requirements, deadlines and standards set forth, then funding should be withheld until compliance is established. This will penalize those who do not meet critical deadline.

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