



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1121

1. **Title of Project:** Sumter County Multi-Purpose Event Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/01/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Construct an enclosed multi-purpose arena to encourage tourism and economic development in Sumter County and surrounding communities, while expanding the overall capacity of local government to support disaster recovery operations. This project will also extend the current infrastructure of roads, water, and sewer to the multi-purpose arena. The proposed project will replace the existing site of the Sumter County Rodeo Arena located on approximately eight acres of the Sumter County Fair Grounds with consideration of the property transfer from the Sumter County Fair Board to Sumter County as part of the funding support of this project.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	31,520,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>31,520,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	31,520,000	95.08%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,500,000	4.52%
Other	132,000	0.40%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>33,152,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of 170,000 square foot Multi-Purpose Event Center	31,520,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>31,520,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The specific purpose of this capital request is to construct an enclosed multi-purpose arena to encourage tourism and economic development in Sumter County and surrounding communities while expanding the overall capacity of local government to support disaster recovery operations. This project will also extend the current infrastructure of roads, water, and sewer to the multi-purpose arena.

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

Upon completion, the total square footage of the facility is estimated at 170,000. Seating capacity varies by venue, but capacity is estimated at more than 3,000 seats in the stands and more than 7,000 total capacity. Sumter County is a one-hour drive from Orlando or the Tampa area. During times of disaster I-75, the Florida Turnpike, and US 301 serve as major thoroughfares for evacuees. In addition to the growing need for shelter capacity locally, there is a need for a facility to support disaster recovery as a distribution point. The proposed facility would serve to stage supplies and resources and serve as an ADA compliant community distribution point during times of disaster and recovery. The covered and enclosed arena will ensure year-round use and availability, regardless of weather conditions. In addition to hosting equine events, the multi-use arena will expand the event opportunities to include concerts, rodeos, and meeting spaces.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

The covered and enclosed arena will ensure year-round use and availability, regardless of weather conditions. In addition to hosting equine events, the multi-use arena will expand the event opportunities to include concerts, rodeos, meeting spaces and much more. In addition to serving the community as an event center year-round, the facility will enhance the County's capacity to render aid and stage critical resources during disaster events.

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

This project would provide services to the general population of the region and the State of Florida during disaster events.



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

Increased agricultural tourism and economic development measured through event attendance and job creation. Improved capacity of local government to manage disasters using the project facility as a designated distribution point for Sumter County.

**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 in the contract?**

Standard contract penalties.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Sumter County Fair Board Association, Inc., will transfer title of the proposed site to Sumter County to assist in the financing of the project.

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- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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