



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1283

1. Title of Project: Wauchula Community Auditorium Redevelopment

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

This facility needs repairs/renovations to provide a safe facility for residents, visitors, the general public, businesses and the surrounding areas to attend/host local and state-wide programs, concerts, performances, and events, educational programs, summer camps, etc. Construction, repairs, and renovations are needed to bring this facility up to current code that includes ADA compliance and accessibility of bathrooms an parking, fire safety regulations, roof repairs, window replacements, ceiling repairs, electrical upgrades, enhancing lighting, sound system upgrades, backstage area improvements, curtain system, etc. The City of Wauchula is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity, formerly known as a RACEC community (a rural area of critical economic concern), as designated by the Governor in Executive Order No. 11-81 per s. 288.0656, F.S.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,600,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		150,000	2233	Yes

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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Architecture/Engineering/Admin and construction services	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose/goal is to provide residents, visitors, the public, and the surrounding communities with the use of a safe facility that meets current building codes, including ADA compliance requirements and fire safety upgrades for local and state-wide programs, concerts, performances, events, etc. Increase revenues/tourism and employment opportunities.

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

The activities and services provided with funding include, but are not limited to, obtaining contractual services for architectural/engineering design, administrative services, and construction/repair/renovations through the city's procurement policy to bring the facility up to current code including ADA accessibility of bathrooms and parking, fire safety, roof repairs, window replacements, ceiling/roof repairs, electrical upgrades, lighting improvements, backstage area upgrades, sound system improvements, curtain system, etc.

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

The direct services provided will be the use of a safe facility that meets current building and fire safety codes, including ADA compliance and addressing permit regulations, in order to provide educational programs, summer camps, agri businesses, and community educational events, theatre productions, cultural performances/events, plays, arts production, sewing classes, etc. Employment maintained within the project.

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

The target population in this rural area of opportunity is residents, visitors, elderly persons, students, economically disadvantaged persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000.



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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?

Enrich cultural experience, improve agricultural production, promotion/education; improve quality of education by providing youth, students, elderly, general public, residents, and visitors a safe facility that meets current building and fire safety codes, including ADA requirements to have a local theatre productions, cultural events and activities, attractions for business community; provides venue for educational and informational events by agri businesses and community; allows for children and youth to experience and participate in arts productions, cultural events and activities, etc. Creates employment opportunity; potential to draw from surrounding communities; region-wide population availability; increase in revenues/tourism. Documentation of performance data, surveys, tracking of rentals, revenues, etc.

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.

City of Wauchula

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Wauchula
- b. **County:** Hardee
- 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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15. Lobbyist Contact Information



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