



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1656

1. Title of Project: Lehigh Acres Senior Citizens Center Upgrades

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Planned improvements will: provide heating and cooling; plumbing upgrades will fix leaks and reduce the danger of internal water damage from aging plumbing; and bring the structure into compliance with the ADA.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	58.48%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	248,500	41.52%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	598,500	100.0%

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Copper piping; plumbing fixtures; exit lights and wrap-round fluorescent fixtures; cabinets in three restrooms; air conditioning units that have reached the end of their life cycle; and full ADA compliance - including parking lot.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The specific purpose is to provide the seniors in Lee County a sound structural location to socialize, engage, congregate, and be informed on important issues and topics that relate to seniors. The goal in receiving these funds will continue to foster these activities, programs, events, health and wellness, and educational awareness to the seniors and community that they have become accustomed to receiving.

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

One of the many activities we host is the annual Health Fair. We invite healthcare professionals to provide testing to the seniors, as well as educational material and awareness to specific health related concerns. In addition to biometric screenings, they are offered a variety of fitness activities throughout the week. The seniors have the opportunity to obtain home cooked meals that are prepared in their kitchen, in addition to snacks throughout the day. The seniors are provided a myriad of social interactions such as card games, arts and crafts, and cultural skits.

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

The Lehigh Acres Senior Center services about 1,000 Seniors who are low-income. The Lehigh Acres Senior Center has 60+ activities and programs each week. By upgrading the facility, we will be better prepared to meet the needs of those who need wheelchair and walker access and make the bathrooms ADA accessible. We will be able to offer more handicap parking. The kitchen will help with providing meals for special events program of the non-profit Lehigh Acres Senior Citizen Center, Inc.. The upgrades will improve the building which helps give senior citizens the social, physical, and emotional support needed for a healthy lifestyle. These upgrades will allow community groups to continue to use the Senior Center for community outreach.

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

1,000+ senior citizens living in eastern Lee County.

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



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The necessary building renovations will bring the building into compliance and allow for many more years of facilitating programs to the seniors in this area. The work will be measured by ADA compliance reports and building inspections.

- 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?**

If funding cannot be obtained, these upgrades will be delayed and may cause closure.

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.**

Lee County owns and operates this facility, as of October 2018.

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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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