



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2218

1. Title of Project: Clay County Economic Development Zone

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/21/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

These renovations and improvements will facilitate the evolution of the facility from a county fairgrounds to a regional event center. The goal is to increase utilization of the facility and prepare for future regional growth from the new First Coast Expressway. This is an economic development project for rural northeast Florida because, if implemented, it will generate economic activity, increase tourism, and serve as a venue to host large regional events including educational events.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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	3,000,000	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		



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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	Funds will be used for engineering, design, and renovations to convert existing "exhibit" buildings to a full-service regional event center. The current well and septic system infrastructure will also be upgraded to a higher capacity system with service from the local utility company. Funds would be used to supplement a land purchase required to accommodate future growth.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The facility would serve as a regional hub for the promotion of many activities including but not limited to agriculture, agribusiness, and education in Florida.

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

The transition to a regional event center will provide rural NE Florida residents with a venue to host large events, conferences, educational workshops, and cultural activities.

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

A full-service regional event center for the promotion of many activities including but not limited to agriculture, agribusiness, and education.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental and physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, the developmentally and physically disabled, drug users, preschool/grade/high/college students, and the general public.

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, and increase economic activity tourism. Outcome will be measured by the increased utilization of the facility.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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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.

Clay County

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- b. **County:** Clay
- 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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