



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2320

1. **Title of Project:** Town of White Springs Community Center
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**
Construct a multi-purpose community center in the Town of White Springs.
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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	33.69%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	600,000	50.54%
Local	187,126	15.76%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	787,126	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		200,000	2224M	Yes

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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Construct a 5,000 s.f. multi-purpose community center.	400,000
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

11. Program Performance:

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

It will provide a gathering place for residents of the town and surrounding areas of unincorporated Hamilton and Columbia Counties. It will provide recreational, educational, and social opportunities; it may also serve as an emergency shelter during a storm. There are many citizens living in mobile homes and there is a need for a shelter in the southern part of Hamilton County. Many would be unable to travel to Jasper if Hamilton County Emergency Management opened a shelter due to their lack of transportation and their general economic conditions. The existing Carver School on the property has been vacant and dilapidated for many years. Clearing the eyesore and improving the property will also benefit surrounding property values and perhaps advance economic development in the area.

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

The project will provide shelter to the citizens during emergencies, serve as a gathering place for social activities, promote recreation and play to improve health and well-being, provide space for tutoring/mentoring/educational purposes, and provide space for counseling activities such as AA/NA support groups.

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

Citizens will have protection during hurricanes and will be able to utilize the building as a comfort station while the power is out. Those living in areas served by wells will have access to water while the electricity remains out during and after a storm event. People can utilize the walking trail and playground equipment (and other park features) for fun and exercise. Students of all ages can learn from organized educational sessions led by community volunteers. Families can get together for reunions in a large building with adequate space for the children to play. Citizens of all ages can gather for social activities. Citizens facing addiction issues can gather for emotional support in the form of AA or NA and the like.

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

Combining recreational and educational activities at the site will provide better community volunteer involvement with services to be located onsite. Since S. Hamilton Elementary closed almost 2 years ago, there is a need for space that children can congregate for learning activities. The property is approximately 6.8 acres with plenty of open space for outdoor recreational activities. There are town citizens interested in starting a mentoring and homework assistance program. The proposed building would be an ideal place for this activity. The enrollment at South Hamilton Elementary when it closed was 156 children; this building will serve those



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children and their families. The 764 people living in the town limits will benefit with the construction of a community center. There are also several hundred people in the surrounding unincorporated area that would be served by this project. It is also possible that the entire population of Hamilton County (14,621) could benefit.

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

The town expects to improve economic activity by comparing property values before construction and after and will calculate business tax receipt revenue pre and post project. These should be figures at various time increments. The town also expects to protect the general public from natural disasters utilizing the shelter by monitoring injuries during disasters and recording injuries and damage post-storm. The town expects to improve the quality of education by reviewing the number of programs and children served; this can be gauged by a survey and testing of students pre and post program participation. Through a review of group counseling services provided, mental health can be improved; a survey of participants would be conducted.

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.

The Town of White Springs will own and operate the community center being constructed.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Town of White Springs
- c. **E-mail Address:** manager@whitespringsfl.us
- d. **Phone Number:** (386)397-2310

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Town of White Springs
- b. **County:** Hamilton
- 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

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**