



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1713

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To construct a 4,000 sq. foot agricultural training/conference center building, walkway overhang and restroom facilities located adjacent to the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center (which serves as the local hub for much of the agricultural education, Fair Association, schools, civic and community events) and the county extension/University of Florida/IFAS that will accommodate up to 200 people. The training/conference center will have the capability to be sectioned into 2 separate rooms that would accommodate 80-100 on each side. The facility would offer a size variety based on needs of the conference or training being offered, whether the needs require 200 people, or 100 or less. Hardee County is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	630,000
Total State Funds Requested	630,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	630,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	630,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	500,000	2241	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$5 million; public programs; individual assistance for rent/mortgage/utilities; small business assistance to help cover employee wages, vendor bills, rent/mortgage payments, PPE; community partners food security/mitigation that were issued in the form of grants to qualifying non-profits & religious organizations providing critical services to the community; expenses associated with telework, PPE, physical modifications to facilities; & expenses relating to public safety employees

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	contractual architectural/engineering & construction services	630,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		630,000

12. Program Performance

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

Purpose is to design and construct a 4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities to meet the demand for a facility that will accommodate up to 200 persons to hold affordable, educational/training programs/ seminars & events, providing employment opportunities, increase of tourism & revenues.

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

Contractual architectural/engineering for final design and a set of construction plans, permitting, bidding, project management and construction of the approved design (4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities) to meet the demand for a facility that will accommodate up to 200 persons.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Once completed, the conference center provides the opportunity to host affordable educational/training programs/seminars to be attended by interested parties, i.e., students, elderly, special needs, residents, visitors, and the business community from the county, surrounding communities and out of state visitors.

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

Florida residents & visitors, business community, organizations -- >800

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



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be measured?

Final design/construction plans & construction of 4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities to hold affordable educational/training programs/seminars and events in a facility to accommodate up to 200 individuals per event; employment opportunities, increased revenues. Monitoring of event bookings and attendees. Employment maintained from project.

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 the contract?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number