



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1734

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The County is requesting funding assistance for improvements to the Courthouse and courtrooms which includes security upgrades, elevator upgrades, mold testing and remediation (if needed), and the installation of a generator. The generator will ensure for the continuity of operations at the Courthouse in the event of a power outage as well as safe accessibility to all citizens and employees who need access to the facility during an outage.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	606,000
Total State Funds Requested	606,000

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)	606,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	30,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	636,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	250,000	3209B	Yes

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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



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The County received \$3,763,624 which was used for payroll costs for public safety employees and Small Business Assistance Grants. \$166,582 in Florida Housing Finance State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) funds was used for mortgage and rental assistance as well as utility bill assistance.

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	Security equipment upgrades, elevator upgrades and repairs, mold testing and remediation (if needed), and installation of a generator system.	606,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		606,000

12. Program Performance

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

To improve the safety, security, and environmental conditions of the courthouse and courtrooms for the employees and officials whose offices and courtrooms are located in the facility as well as the many citizens who access the Courthouse for services and assistance. The generator system will enable the facility to remain functional in the event of an outage and ensure accessibility to all employees and citizens who may need access in the event of an outage.

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

Renovation and improvements will include: security upgrades, elevator repairs and improvements, mold study and the remediation thereof if so needed, and installation of a generator system.

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

A secure and accessible facility with the necessary improvements and equipment to provide a safe and healthy environment. The elevators are frequently in need of repair and often may be closed for several days. The improvements including the generator will ensure all citizens can access the courthouse offices and services. When the elevators are not operational, many citizens with physical disabilities have limited access to services. The mold remediation will provide a healthier facility for employees as well as the many citizens who visit the facility.

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

All citizens who visit the courthouse will be served by this funding e proposed project as well as the employees and those within the court system. More than 125,000 individuals will be served.

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 improvements are a necessity to provide a safe, secure, and accessible facility. The Courthouse was constructed in 1969 and as a fiscally constrained county, limited improvements have been made. Current security measures are outdated and do not meet today's standards for a secure facility. The elevators are outdated and in frequent need of repairs. It is suspected the courthouse has mold issues and remediation will be required. The proposed improvements will provide for a safe, healthy, secure facility as well as for the continuity of operations.

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?

All performance measures and deliverables will be completed within contract timelines and requirements.

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.

The courthouse is owned, maintained, and operated by Taylor County Board of Commissioners who are requesting the funding assistance.



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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