



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1870

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Since 1904, the core functions of Fernandina Beach's municipal government service have been served through the existing city hall which, although periodically repaired, has a structure and size which are inadequate for fulfilling modern city government public services. A recent study of Fernandina Beach's city hall reported that the aged structure requires such comprehensive repair that "if not for the cultural value of the city hall structure encased within the current form (Note: the "current form" refers to renovations made to city hall in 1956, 1972, and 1995), it could be argued that the entire facility would be replaced." The goal of the city hall administrative services design and construction project is to plan for, design, and/or construct a city hall/city administration facility solution which is sufficient to meet current city government needs and which improves city services to the public.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	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 2022-2023	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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.

Of CARES Act funding of \$743,082 awarded to Nassau County and passed through to the city, or awarded directly to the city, funds were directed to local non-profits, first-responder overtime, COVID-related supplies, airport COVID-related expenses, and emergency paid sick leave for those stricken with COVID. The city will receive \$6,595,742 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, of which approximately \$3,000,000 has been received, but not expended. ARPA funding can't be used for this project.

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	Design, construction, and/or reconstruction of city administration building(s) and legislative meeting space.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Fernandina Beach city hall, located in the historic district of downtown Fernandina Beach, was built in 1904. It was renovated in 1956, 1971, and 1995. Today, the structure has documented safety issues and is not adequate to support the city's mission and staffing needs. The goal of the city hall administrative services design and construction project will be to remedy city hall's issues through engineering design and construction/renovation.

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

In March 2021, a needs and site assessment of Fernandina Beach city hall was completed by Silling Architects, Inc. The study indicated that while there is currently approximately 6,000 square feet of usable (net) square feet in city hall, 24,000 square feet of usable space would be needed to accommodate those departments currently housed in city hall and to return offices previously housed at city hall: legal, finance, information technology, and utility billing. Additionally, the report said "With that said, several city departments are currently operating in available space that is either less than required or poorly arranged to meet their operational needs." The funds requested through this city hall administrative services design and construction project will complete engineering design and construction that allow Fernandina Beach to reconfigure and modernize city hall facilities to align staff location and operations to better serve citizens of Fernandina Beach.

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

The city hall administrative services design and construction project will enable the City of Fernandina Beach staff to improve space allocations to be more responsive to current and future personnel and citizen needs.

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



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The City of Fernandina Beach has 12,364 residents. Fernandina Beach's residents are the target population to be served by this project.

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

City hall required improvements include securing the outer envelope of the building (repairing or replacing the roof, stucco, canopies, and windows); installing a sprinkler system and firewalls; repairing/replacing electrical, communications, and HVAC systems; renovating/revising stairwells and door systems; demolishing the failing additions; and repairing termite damage. The expected outcome of this project is to complete design, permitting, and construction/renovation to resolve the public safety and configuration issues resulting from the aged and poorly-designed city hall. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured will be through metrics tracked by the Fernandina Beach civil engineer and post-construction engineering certificates of completion,

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?

The standard penalties seem pretty adequate, in that the state will not (and should not) reimburse if performance measures are not met.

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.

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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