



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2276

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Gadsden County owns property that once served as Dr. William S. Stevens High School. The property has one facility and is large enough to construct a new facility to serve as a disaster shelter. This is a critical element of Gadsden County's overall disaster preparedness and response program. The property can be used by federal, state, and utilities as a command post and staging area.

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	4,950,560
Total State Funds Requested	4,950,560

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)	4,950,560	96%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	225,000	4%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,175,560	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?

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



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\$7.9 million CARES Act to support small businesses, citizens, broadband, and a community awareness program.
 \$4.4 million American Rescue Plan Act to support small businesses, nonprofits, churches, public health, citizens, and a public awareness campaign.

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	The shelter will serve Gadsden County's citizens who are COVID positive and have no options for self-isolation or quarantining pursuant to the most current CDC guidelines. When not in use as a COVID shelter the building can be used for COVID testing, vaccinations, and other related health services that can be provided in a nonmedical facility.	4,950,560
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,950,560

12. Program Performance

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

The COVID shelter will serve Gadsden County's citizens who are COVID positive and have no options for self-isolation or quarantining pursuant to the most current CDC guidelines. When not in use as a COVID shelter the building can be used for COVID testing, vaccinations, and other related health services that can be provided in a nonmedical facility.

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

The project is shovel ready and designed as a disaster shelter. However, modifications were made to the original drawings and specifications to address COVID related issues, i.e., safe distancing and HVAC system with an air purification component in accordance with best practices. State permits for stormwater and asbestos abatement have been secured. Local permits will be pulled as needed.

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

The COVID shelter will serve Gadsden County's citizens who are COVID positive and have no options for self-isolation or quarantining pursuant to the most current CDC guidelines. When not in use as a COVID shelter the building can be used for COVID testing, vaccinations, and other related health services that can be provided in a nonmedical facility.

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

All demographical groups will benefit from this project. More than 45,000 individuals are expected to 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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Funds requested will be used to construct a pet-friendly ADA disaster shelter, housing up to 150-200 individuals and include elements required by federal and state standards for a disaster shelter. The shelter can open within 8 hours of projected event time and allow a 2 to 3-day post-event stay if necessary. The project site can be used as a staging area to distribute FEMA disaster information, food, water, etc., and provide wi-fi and charging stations for mobile phones.

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?

Corrective action plan created, measured, and implemented with a success timeline for the state to continue funding the project.

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.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners



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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