



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2602

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds used for contractual engineering, permitting, project management, demolition, and construction services to raze 96 derelict structures, site work/infrastructure improvements, and environmental review to address safety issues and prepare 1,100+ acres for economic development purposes. Provides for job opportunities in this rural area of opportunity (RAO), increase state/local revenues. Protects public from harm, eliminating vagrants/criminal activity/liability issues related to abandoned structures; coincides with a land agreement for the former Florida School for Boys property to go back to the county.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	9%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.

The county is slated to receive \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds, that will be used to address jail expansion/renovation from revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure, and tourist development shortfall.

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 engineering, permitting, demolition, and construction services to raze 96 structures; site work development; infrastructure improvements; environmental review	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Goal is to provide job opportunities, increase state/local revenues, protect the public from harm by eliminating places for vagrants/criminal activity and liability issues related to abandoned structures and to address the 2018 Economic Development Plan. Funds will be used for contractual engineering, demolition, and construction services to raze 96 derelict structures, site work/infrastructure improvements to address safety issues, and prepare 1,100+ acres for economic development purposes in this RAO.

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

Activities include seeking contractual engineering, demolition and construction services to raze 96 unsafe structures built in 1955-56 for state's Florida School for Boys. Includes debris disposal/earthwork/grading/fill and necessary infrastructure improvements and environmental review services through the county's procurement policy that will provide for economic development opportunities, which will provide for increased employment/job opportunities in this financially disadvantaged community.

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

Direct services to citizens include creating a safer/positive environment by razing 96 unsafe State abandoned buildings constructed in 1955-56 for the State's FL School for Boys; less liability for the County and State and vicariously upon the taxpayers. Provides avenues to attract new commerce/business development/potential skill development and job opportunities for citizens to enhance economic self sufficiency in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

State of Florida, Okeechobee County, surrounding areas.



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

Benefit is protection of public by demolishing 96 old, unsafe abandoned structures; provides avenue to increase or improve economic activity by preparing 1,100+ acre site for new commerce/businesses to start-up, relocate, or expand; new job opportunities; increase of state and local revenues in this RAO. Accomplishing a goal outlined in the 2018 Economic Development Plan. Employment to be maintained from the 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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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.

Okeechobee County is to be the owner of the property through the local bill process and will be 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