



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1414

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

To continue towards completion of a multi-use community center that will be used year round for events, emergency staging, educational activities, uses for Nassau County's Emergency Operations Center staging site, Strategic Animal Response Team (SART) Facility, and many other uses. The site work and infrastructure planning phase has already begun during 2024. This facility will be a great asset available for use by these citizens and local governments of Northeast Florida.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	990,000
Total State Funds Requested	990,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	990,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	1%
Other	5,306,000	84%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,346,000	100%

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	990,000	1580c	No

9. **Is future-year 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.**

None known



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The NE FL Fair will become self sufficient.

11. List 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 Northeast Florida Fair Association

12. 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		
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	Engineering, Architectural Design, and beginning construction of the Community Center / Multipurpose Arena.	990,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		990,000

13. Program Performance

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

Engineering, Architectural Design, and beginning construction.

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



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Community Center will be available for use by the local School District, Nassau County Sheriff and Emergency Operations, Hurricane Services Staging, many other non-profit organizations and community events including Rodeos, Concerts, Festivals and a host of other activities. There is no other facility like this in Nassau County. This facility will be ADA compliant.

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

Strategic Animal Response as shelter for local livestock during evacuations, Mess hall for EOC and Utilities workers during storm prep. Various community activities, Some examples are: Staging Center for Florida Power and Light during disaster prep, Food Drives and Distributions, Job Fairs, Health Fairs, Mental Health Awareness, Reley4Life, Toys4Tots, Sheriff's Charities Fund Raisers, etc.

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

The citizens of Nassau County and Northeast Florida including Baker, Clay, St Johns and Duval counties. We currently serve over 100,000 visitors per year. That number will increase tremendously once this project is completed. This facility will directly influence and promote FFA and 4H programs through it's use (at no cost) for various livestock and horticultural training. Other educational activities will be provided by the local Extension Office that is co-located on our property.

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

This project, once completed, will provide a venue for community events, activities and enjoyment. Success will be measured by attendance and in aid to local EOC staging.

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 in the contract?

If a recipient of this funding does not meet the stated requirements, deadlines and standards set forth, then funding should be withheld until compliance is established. This will penalize those who do not meet critical deadlines.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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