



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2727

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This request is for swine, rabbit, and poultry pens as well as a swine, rabbit, and poultry barn to support the youth livestock shows and sales for the youth in Hernando County. The Florida Agriculture & Wildlife Expo took on the Youth Livestock Show and Sales after support from the Hernando County Board of County Commissions, Hernando County 4-H and Hernando County FFA programs. After years of neglect and unsafe conditions at the Hernando County Fair, the 4-H and FFA programs requested to show at the EXPO. We have been working on building infrastructure but need additional help.

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               | 500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>500,000</b> |

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)       | 500,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal  | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local  | 0              | 0%          |
| Other  | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>500,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
|                          |           |              |                             |        |

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.**



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

0/00/0000

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

0/00/0000

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

Not Apl

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.

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### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category  | Description   | Amount         |
|--|---|----------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |   |                |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |   | 0              |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0              |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0              |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Purchase of swine, rabbit and poultry pens and construction of a swine, poultry and rabbit barn | 500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>500,000</b> |

### 13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to purchase swine, poultry and rabbit pens and to build a swine, poultry and rabbit barn to support the livestock youth in Hernando County. These pens and barns can also be used during emergency events to house animals if needed.

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



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Allows the community to come to a facility to see youth who have raised agriculture products. It also allows the public to purchase livestock products for their own use and allows them to become knowledgeable of the agriculture industry. Support of the livestock shows and sales for the youth which are our future in agriculture. The shows also help to educate the community on the importance of agriculture and how it supports our daily lives.

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

Will supply a venue for them to attend as well as the ability to become knowledgeable of the agriculture industry

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

Hernando County as well as surrounding counties. >5,000

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

Increase in youth involved in youth livestock projects. This will be measured by tracking the amount of youth enrolled in the livestock show and sales.

**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?**

Daily fine in the amount of \$500.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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:**

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

- Yes, Applied



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- 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**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**



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