



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2916

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

After Hurricane Idalia hit in August 2023, new leakage points appeared in the historic Jefferson County courthouse roof that in turn affected the building interior. It is the County's hope that in addition to repair needs that existed prior to Idalia, funds could be used to complete interior and exterior improvements and hardening in one comprehensive project. The County is replacing the roof at a cost of \$301,000 to be drawn from other funds. A comprehensive repair project will address cosmetic, structural and safety deficiencies. Courts still function daily; the Clerk of the Court, staff offices and judges' chambers are housed there. The building is a contributing property in the Monticello Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the historic downtown walking tour. Water damage, cracked plaster and safely sealed electrical boxes are just a few repairs detailed in the scope attachment.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,361,900
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,361,900</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)	1,361,900	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>1,361,900</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year 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.
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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?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4/1/2026

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

Jefferson County will use facilities/maintenance funds for ongoing care of this building.

### 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 historic courthouse is owned by the taxpayers of Jefferson County and maintained by county employees under the direction of the County Manager and the Board of County Commissioners.

### 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	There are no additional administrative costs related to this project. It will be managed by current county staff.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The County invested in securing architectural plans for this project. No further planning costs are necessary.	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	A comprehensive repair project will address cosmetic, structural and safety deficiencies. Water damage, cracked plaster and safely sealed electrical boxes are just a few repairs detailed in the scope attachment.	1,361,900
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,361,900</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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

The courthouse serves Florida's Second Judicial Circuit and the citizens of Jefferson County. Courts function daily; the Clerk of the Court, staff and judges' chambers are housed there. Individuals doing business in the courthouse should feel safe in a secure structure fit to house the various services provided, from child support to probate, evictions to family law, misdemeanor to felony.

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

Citizens/employees will experience the continuation of all court services in a cleaner and visibly enhanced environment. Interior work and public spaces will have improved climate control, safer high traffic area flooring and stairs, operable windows, and more. Exterior pedestrian areas will be made safer by rainwater diversion and increased visibility in treed areas.

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

The general population will be served by this project; there are no targeted special populations. Courthouse staff, visitors and those engaging in the judicial system services, both as legal staff and clients, able-bodied and those with physical challenges, will all benefit from a safe, clean and updated public building. An estimated 35,000-40,000 people utilize the Jefferson County Courthouse each year for various services provided.

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

Please see the EXPECTED BENEFITS attachment with details about the benefits of this project, including outcomes and methods of measurement.

**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 Jefferson County fails to provide services outlined in the scope of work at the appropriate phases, funding should be withheld and the County would expect that we would not be considered for future project funding in the subsequent funding cycle.

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

**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):**

Partial damage as a result of Hurricane Idalia.

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

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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
- 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**



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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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