



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3094

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds used to design and construct a multi-use government complex that would be built on county owned property adjacent to the existing county offices and co-located to the Emergency Operations Center. The purpose of the complex would be to centrally locate 10 county services for ease of access and streamlined government services. As a result, the courthouse, state probation, and public defenders offices would be able to expand into the existing building occupied by the BOCC and the Tenth Judicial System can utilize the existing commission chambers as an additional court room and jury selection area. Current facilities are housed in 60 years plus old buildings that do not meet accessibility and fire safety codes in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>20,000,000</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)	20,000,000	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>20,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,000,000	2347A	Yes

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2027

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

General Revenue

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.

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.

### 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	Contractual services for preliminary engineering, architectural design, bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, administration, project management and construction.	20,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>20,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to design and construct a multi-purpose government complex on County owned property that would consolidate multiple County departments to better serve the citizenry and for ease of access and streamlining government services in this Rural Area of Opportunity. New complex allows for the Tenth Judicial System to use existing facilities to meet the demand for more space for Judges Chambers, Clerk of the Courts, public defenders, probation, courtroom and jury selection areas. Current facilities are housed in 60 years plus old buildings that do not meet accessibility and fire safety codes.

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

To seek contractual services for preliminary engineering, architectural design, bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, administration, project management and construction through the County's procurement policies and procedures.

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

Direct services to citizens includes better operations of County services due to consolidation into one complex; provides for easier access and efficient and effective services; reduction of operating costs with savings to the citizenry located in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Hardee County, which is a financially disadvantaged community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes), citizenry, visitors, tourists, business community and surrounding areas. Greater than 27,000 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?**

Completion of the multi-purpose complex for citizens to access multiple government services/depts. in one place and for safe, appropriate facility for personnel to work and serve their community. Reduction of costs to tax payers by consolidation. Current facilities to be utilized by courthouse, state probation, public defenders offices and the Tenth Judicial System. Completion and certification of 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 in the contract?**

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

**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



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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

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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