



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3245

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

4. Project/Program Description

Hardee County Jail is over 30 years old and has experienced multiple weather induced damages most notably flooding. The building was built in 1991 and does not meet the current code to withstand Hurricane force winds compromising the continuation of operations. To sustain effective operations and eliminate the possible burden on surrounding counties, a new jail is needed, which will be located within close proximity to the Sheriff's Office Administrative Office. Funding is needed for contractual services for planning, design, bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, administration, project management and construction for 50,000 square feet that includes housing for incarcerated individuals and appropriate space for enhancing mitigation efforts against the spread of contagious diseases and appropriate accommodations to properly receive and house the volume of inmates and to protect first responders/law enforcement personnel.

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 | 25,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 25,000,000 |

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) | 25,000,000 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 25,000,000 | 100% |

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 | 2,000,000 | 1297A | 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?

12/30/2028

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

General Budget

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 will be the owner and the entity.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | n/a | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | n/a | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | n/a | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | n/a | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Contractual services for planning, design, permitting, bidding, engineering during construction, administration, project management and construction for a jail facility. | 25,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 25,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

To design and construct a new jail that meets code and standards established for inmate populations. The current jail is over 30 years old, damaged and is out of compliance to meet current inmate populations requirements and is not able to withstand hurricane force winds or severe storm events. The building leaks, floods and has mold issues.

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



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Activities include seeking contractual preliminary architectural/engineering, design, bidding, permitting, project management, administration, engineering during construction and construction services based on competitive procurement policies and procedures.

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

Citizens are better served with a new jail creating a safer, more secure, and positive environment that leads to less liability on the County and vicariously upon the tax payers. Environment encouraging the recovery and improvement of those incarcerated to increase the probability of becoming productive and contributing members of the community.

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?

Benefit is protection of life, health and safety of first responders and law enforcement personnel with appropriate accommodations and adequate jail facilities to safely process offenders, properly receive and house the volume of inmates and to deter the spread of COVID-19, protection of visitors and the general public, as well as the opportunity to rehabilitate offenders to reduce recidivism and substance abuse. 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?

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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