



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3406

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To improve the fairgrounds with a 4-H pole barn-style building with water and electric that will provide appropriate accommodations for livestock to be cared for and housed for students participating in the 4-H programs. The cattle program is year-round, and the swine is a 6-month program commitment. This allows students to develop life skills not otherwise available to them. The facility will also host other ag educational programs and serves as an economic revenue generator for new education programs and regional events. Provides for stability, protection of life, health and safety in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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	80,500
Total State Funds Requested	80,500

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)	80,500	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	80,500	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		

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2026

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

Annual 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 is 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		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	Contractual services for construction	80,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		80,500

13. Program Performance

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

To improve the fairgrounds and enhance the 4-H program by providing appropriate facilities to care and house the livestock used in the 4-H educational programs, meet market demands and serve as an economic revenue generator and for providing stability, protection of life, health and safety in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

To seek contractual services for construction through the competitive procurement process.



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

Direct services to citizens in a safe, comfortable facility to properly care for livestock and the 4-H participants while participating in educational 4-H programs and regional events. Protecting life, health and safety for users and attendees from intense heat, serve storm events while attending events and programs 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?

Expected benefit is completion of the building, enhancing education, agriculture related programs, meeting the demand for events and programs Improving education, the economy, tourism, providing for stabilization to this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

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
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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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