



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3420

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The new Ag-Center will serve as a hub for “agricultural education and promotion,” benefiting all citizens of Polk County by providing a dedicated space for programs that highlight the significance of agriculture, horticulture, livestock, and equestrian activities. The planned facilities include an exhibition hall, arena, civic center, exposition center, or other capital projects or facilities intended for exhibitions, demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events, and other activities that promote and educate the public on the state's agricultural resources.

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	3,675,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,675,000

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)	3,675,000	55%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	45%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,675,000	100%

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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? 10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2026

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

Polk County Board of County Commissioner's will provide for operations, maintenance and financial support of the facility.

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.

Polk County Board of County Commissioner's

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	Construction, and associated site work.	3,675,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,675,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Polk County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) actively encourages the collaboration of community organizations, local businesses, and volunteers in the development and operation of the new Polk County Ag-Center. The facilities will provide a safe and inclusive facility that will foster constructive community engagement, provide valuable resources, and serve as a center for youth agricultural programming, personal development, leadership training, and overall community enrichment.

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



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

The new Polk County Ag-Center will provide services through the Parks & Natural Resources Division & Polk County Tourism & Sports Marketing that will foster constructive community engagement, provide valuable resources, and serve as a center for youth agricultural programming, personal development, leadership training, athletic competition and overall community enrichment.

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

All citizens and visitors to Polk County will be encouraged to enrich their daily activities by using this facility. 750,000.

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

The new Ag-Center will serve as a hub for "agricultural education and promotion," benefiting all citizens of Polk County by providing a dedicated space for programs that highlight the significance of agriculture, horticulture, livestock, and equestrian activities. The methodology by which this project will be measured is the number of future generations that will benefit from using this facility.

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?

In addition to the penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract will be a loss of economic impact to the community which this Center will serve and the loss of knowledge for youth who attend the agricultural programming, personal development, leadership training, athletic competitions.

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

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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