



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2175

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The new Fairgrounds project will be complete in 2026, hosting the first Fair in November 2026. We are planning on constructing four stand-alone restroom buildings throughout the site and near the new Amphitheater.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,750,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	6,000,000	77%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	7,750,000	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		
2025-26	0	3,250,000	1421 C	No

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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

08/01/2026

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?

Jacksonville Fair operating revenues

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 Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Association

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	The new Fairgrounds project will be complete in 2026, hosting the first Fair in November 2026. We are planning on constructing four stand-alone restroom buildings throughout the site and near the new Amphitheater.	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,750,000

13. Program Performance

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

Construct Restroom Buildings for the public to use during events. The restrooms will also be utilized by local EOC personnel during storm preparations.

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

Provide restroom space for general public, first responders, and EOC personnel during Fair activities and natural disaster staging.

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



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Provide restroom space for general public, first responders, and EOC personnel during Fair activities and natural disaster staging.

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

Northeast Florida residents and visitors. Over 200,000 visitors annually to the fair. Will be a year-round facility serving the region.

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

Provide hardened facilities for general public and first responders. Constructed restrooms will provide better facilities than portable restrooms.

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?

Return of State funds.

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:

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



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.