



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2233

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To plan, design and build a facility that would be used for community events including agricultural fairs, educational events, and training. This would also serve as a staging area for emergency operations, and animal evacuation area in the event of storms, fires, or flooding events. The facility would include arena-type and multi-purpose buildings for various events. The facility would be ADA compliant. There is no facility of this type in out immediate area and could be utilized year round for various events. Educational events, law enforcement training, FFA and 4H programs, health fair, job fairs and other events would all be held at this facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	85%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	350,000	15%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

No alternative funding could be found.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Funds were not available for construction.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

06/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

12. 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.

Hamilton County

13. 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: Other		
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	Planning, design and construction of a new Youth Education Agriculture Center.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

To plan, design and build a facility that would be used yearly for community events including agricultural fairs, educational events, and training. This would also serve as a staging area for emergency operations, and animal evacuation area in the event of storms, fires, or flooding events.

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



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Contractual architectural/engineering for final design and a set of construction plans, permitting, bidding, project management and construction of the approved design.

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

Once completed, the agricultural conference center provides the opportunity to host affordable educational/training programs/seminars to be attended by interested parties, i.e., students, elderly, special needs, residents, visitors, and the business community from the county, surrounding communities and out of state visitors. There would also be a staging area for emergency response.

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

Entire population of 15,000 will be served, as well as any persons visiting the county for the various events at the facility.

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

Final design/construction plans & construction of an agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities to hold affordable educational/training programs/seminars and events in a facility; employment opportunities, increased revenues. Monitoring of event bookings and attendees. Employment maintained from 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 the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number