



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2114

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct a +/- 1,500 SF expansion to the tax collectors office within the existing Courthouse building including but not limited to additional offices, storage, and a lobby area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,360,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,360,000

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)	1,360,000	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 2024-2025	1,360,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	0		No

9. Is future 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.

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

Yes

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



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The funds were used for the health and safety of the workers and emergency protective measures.

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?

03/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2025

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.

Dixie County Board of County Commission.

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	Fund the construction of a +/- 1,500 SF expansion to the Tax Collector's Office within the existing Courthouse building including but not limited to additional offices, storage, and a lobby area.	1,360,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,360,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the +/- 1,500 square feet expansion to the tax collector's office within the existing Courthouse building is to accommodate the growing needs and demands of the community for efficient and accessible tax-related services. The expansion will provide additional offices, storage, and a welcoming lobby area to enhance customer service and operational functionality. The goal of this expansion project is to create a more efficient and user-friendly environment for taxpayers and staff members alike. The lobby area aims to enhance the visitor experience, reducing wait times and providing clear information to the public.



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

The allocated funds will be utilized to implement a comprehensive range of activities and services aimed at meeting the intended purpose of enhancing the tax collector's office and its services. This will include the construction of additional offices to accommodate increased demand, the creation of a dedicated storage area to streamline document management, and the establishment of a more inviting lobby area to improve the overall visitor experience. These initiatives collectively ensure improved operational efficiency, enhanced customer service, and a modernized space that aligns with the evolving needs of the community.

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

The appropriation project will directly provide citizens with enhanced and accessible services through the tax collector's office expansion. These services include streamlined customer interactions through a more efficient lobby area, improved document management facilitated by the new storage space, and increased availability of tax-related assistance through additional offices. The expansion aims to reduce wait times, provide clearer information, and ensure a smoother overall experience for citizens utilizing the tax collector's services within the Courthouse building.

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

Dixie County's population of over 16,000 will benefit from this project. All citizens will benefit from the increase of safety this project will deliver to the community. The County is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes).

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

The expected benefit of this project is an improved and efficient tax collector's office that better serves the needs of citizens. The expansion will lead to reduced wait times, enhanced customer service, and a more organized document management process. The methodology to measure this outcome includes tracking metrics such as average wait times, customer satisfaction surveys, the number of successfully processed transactions, and the reduction in complaints related to service delays or accessibility. These indicators will provide quantitative and qualitative insights into the project's success in delivering improved services to citizens.

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.

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)



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number