



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3365

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Funds used to design, engineer and construct a multi-use government complex. This new facility would be constructed on county owned property adjacent to the to the existing county offices and co-located to the Emergency Operations Center. The purpose of the complex would be to centrally locate 10 county services for ease of access and streamlined government services. As a result, the courthouse, state probation, and public defenders offices would be able to expand into the existing building occupied by the BOCC and the Tenth Judicial System can utilize the existing commission chambers as an additional court room and jury selection area. Current facilities are housed in 60 years plus old buildings that do not meet accessibility and fire safety codes 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 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

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)	20,000,000	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	20,000,000	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.**
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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.

Received: \$5,232,196; Funds used for eligible COVID-19 public health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods., etc.), administration reporting/ equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.).

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Hardee County is both owner and entity.

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	Contractual services for preliminary engineering, architectural design, bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, project management and construction.	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to design and construct a multi-purpose government complex on County owned property that would consolidate multiple County departments to better serve the citizenry and for ease of access and streamlining government services in this Rural Area of Opportunity. New complex allows for the Tenth Judicial System to use existing facilities to meet the demand for more space for Judges Chambers, Clerk of the Courts, public defenders, probation, courtroom and jury selection areas. Current facilities are housed in 60 years plus old buildings that do not meet accessibility and fire safety codes.

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

To seek contractual services for preliminary engineering, architectural design, bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, project management and construction through the County's procurement policies and procedures.

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

Direct services to citizens includes better operations of County services due to consolidation into one complex; provides for easier access and efficient and effective services; reduction of operating costs with savings to the citizenry located 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?

Completion of the multi-purpose complex for citizens to access multiple government services/depts. in one place and for safe, appropriate facility for personnel to work and serve their community. Reduction of costs to tax payers by consolidation. Current facilities to be utilized by courthouse, state probation, public defenders offices and the Tenth Judicial System. Completion and certification of the 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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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)



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- 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