



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2205

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project is to replace five (5) Air Handler Units (AHU) and duct work in Taylor County Courthouse. At the request of the County, Southern Earth Sciences completed a Mold Testing Report & Work Plan due to ongoing air quality concerns in the Courthouse. It was determined in the study one of the key problems is the existing AHU's. The units have not been replaced since 1981 and are in such poor condition and aged the units cannot feasibility be taken apart, cleaned, and put back together. It was also determined the duct work needed cleaned. Due to the age and being full of insulation, the duct work cannot be cleaned. Adequate AHU's are essential to improve air quality and to remove particulates such as dust, pollen, and other contaminants as well as remove moisture in a humid environment thus preventing mold and related bacteria.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,508,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,508,000

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)	1,508,000	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	1,508,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

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.**

As a rural, fiscally constrained County which suffered catastrophic loss from Hurricane Idalia, the County has no funding available for the project and will not be able to complete the project without assistance. Taylor County is a designated RAO and REDI community.



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

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

The County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety payroll costs and the purchase of PPE and associated supplies. American Rescue Plan funds have been designated for critically needed stormwater facilities.

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.

Taylor County Board of Commissioners owns, operates, and maintains the courthouse.

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	All funds will be used for the purchase and installation of five new Air Handler Units and the replacing of duct work in Taylor County Courthouse	1,508,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,508,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the funds is the purchase and installation of five (5) new Air Handler Units (AHU's) as well as replacing duct work in the Courthouse. There have been ongoing concerns of the air quality in the Courthouse, and it has been determined by a study completed by Southern Earth Sciences that replacing the AHU's and duct work is critical for the improvement of air quality in the facility and for the health and welfare of Courthouse employees as well as the many citizens who access the facility. The AHU's have not been replaced since 1981.

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

The replacement of the AHU's and duct work will greatly improve the air quality in the Courthouse. The units will remove particulates such as pollen, dust, and other contaminants from the air. The Air Handlers will ensure the air is balanced and moisture is removed in a humid environment thus eliminating the potential of opportunistic mold growth. The Air Handler and duct work replacement will ensure for a safe, healthy work environment for Courthouse employees as well as the many citizens who access and visit the Courthouse including those who work in the court system and courts services.

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

Due to the current concerns of the Courthouse air quality and a documented study confirming the concerns are valid, the direct services will be ensuring that Courthouse has good air quality throughout the facility. The new Air Handlers and duct work upgrades will ensure particulates such as pollen, dust, and other contaminants are removed from the air.

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

All citizens who access the Courthouse will be served by the project as well as the employees who work within the court system and associated offices. More than 135,000 individuals will be served.

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

The new Air Handler Units will ensure for a safe and healthy environment in the Courthouse for both employees and the many citizens who access the facility including the courtrooms and associated offices. The replacement of the existing duct work will also ensure potential contaminants are removed from the air. Ensuring public safety is the expected benefit and outcome 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?

The County is ready to move forward with the purchase and installation of the Air Handlers and replacement of the duct work when funding is secured. Quotes have been obtained for the Air Handlers. All performance measures and deliverables will be met well within the contract timelines and requirements.

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



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- 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**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**