1. Project Title   South Florida Fairgrounds Emergency Shelter

2. Senate Sponsor   Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Request   03/01/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Palm Beach County has an estimated need of over 1250 beds in Palm Beach County for special needs sheltering in the case of an emergency situation. Currently, the existing facility at the South Florida Fairgrounds can accommodate 550 citizens and it is the only facility of its kind in Palm Beach County. The construction of a facility at the South Florida Fairgrounds would expand the existing special needs shelter on the Fairgrounds and eliminate the deficit of 700+ space/beds for citizens for emergency management special needs sheltering. The facility would provide an additional 75,000 sq. ft. of indoor, climate controlled space in a structure built to withstand category 5 wind loads. The facility will be connected to the existing shelter, eliminating the need for duplication of resources during catastrophic events.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds   Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency contacted?   No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	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 2023-2024	**1,000,000**	**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?   Yes

   a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.   1,000,000

   b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Private donations and grants.

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.

In 2021, we received two PPP loans - $940,200 and PPP loan $940,000. Funds were used to pay utilities and for payroll to keep all 55 employees of the non-profit organization employed which was accomplished.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?   No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?   2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?   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.

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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	Design a 75,000 sq. ft. facility with a storm hardened shell, a contingency for upgraded power and support systems, site development including the demolition of existing buildings and soft costs for construction.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		**1,000,000**

14. Program Performance

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

Funding support for the design of a multi-purpose, emergency shelter building on the South Florida Fairgrounds will complement the existing special needs shelter at the facility. Constructed to withstand 195 mph winds, housing will be provided to eliminate the 700 bed deficit that exists for emergency sheltering for special needs citizens.The facility will be connected to the existing shelter eliminating the need for duplication of resources during catastrophic events. Year-round usage will maximize investment.

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

Services provided during an emergency would be shelter, medically necessary beds. food and water to the citizens who have special medical needs. On an annual basis, (non emergency) the services provided will enhance the quality of life for the citizens of south Florida through educational and leisure activities and social interaction resulting in a positive economic impact.

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

The provision of shelter, medically necessary beds, food and water to citizens with special medical needs in a facility that will not lose power during a hurricane or other emergency is the direct service this funding will provide. This facility can also be activated for use for all citizens in Florida were a catastrophic event to occur and a facility was required.

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

The target population is citizens with special needs, elderly persons, persons with poor physical health and the physically disabled. As many as 700 individuals could be served on a per emergency basis in addition to the 550 who are currently being served.

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

Saving lives in the time of an emergency is the expected outcome. The exact number of citizens utilizing the emergency shelter for years into the future will determine the exact outcome of the project. The benefit of this project is to shelter more individuals with special needs and to protect them from harm. This will be measured through the number of individuals who check in to a special needs shelter when compared to the number who were able to utilize the shelter prior to the new facility. According to the Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area guidelines that are part of the Florida Building Code, a special needs shelter is required to have 60 sq. ft. per occupant. An additional facility is needed to accommodate additional 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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures are expected to result in financial penalties.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization South Florida Fair & Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc.

b. Municipality and County Palm Beach

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐Local Entity

☐University or College

☐Other (please specify)

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