



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2511

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The third phase of the Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park Authority (FACHPA) will continue to improve the infrastructure, increasing the disaster relief footprint and expanding on the variety of events hosted at the park. The FACHPA has proven to be a vital site in times of disaster relief, not only as an animal-safe evacuation site, but as a staging point of distribution for food, water, supplies and equipment. The FACHPA was instrumental in the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccination, testing and served as a vital logistical support area for hurricane Ian.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	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	1,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	1483B	Yes

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.

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.

\$75,000 PPP Loan for employee retention.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

August 2024

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.

The Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park Authority is a 501c3 with FDACS being the sublessor of the property. FDACS is the sublessee of the real property between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, successor in the interest to Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails. (DEP). The DEP sublease is a sublease of a portion of real property between the Board of Trustees of Internal Improvements.

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	Grounds equipment: additional equipment could include livestock fencing, livestock panels, park fixtures, generators and ground maintenance equipment.	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Additional infrastructure could include road maintenance and construction, storage units, the completion of stalls, RV sites, internet, lighting and additional arena/footing materials to increase livestock areas.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Activities include: educational, recreational, agricultural, and emergency management. Examples include (but not limited to) equine competitions, youth rodeos, cross country and athletic events, compost research, historic event re-enactments, car shows, Christmas light displays, Polo matches, and K9 displays and training.

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

Services for citizens include (but are not limited to) recreation, safety, housing, emergency management, and education.

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

The target population will include the majority of Marion County / State population. Some of the groups targeted could include: Elderly, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, veterans, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physical disabled, students and the general population.

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

The benefit or outcome of this project will continue to expand the emergency management capabilities and provide educational, recreational and agricultural activities.

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 deliverable would result in financial consequences including withholding of funding or reduction in specified payments.

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



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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