



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Alachua County Fairgrounds

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/16/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Construction of the Alachua County Fairgrounds to include an exhibition hall, arena and midway.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

| Amount Requested for Operations | Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay | Total Amount of Requested State Funds |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                                 | 2,500,000                                 | 2,500,000                             |

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

| Type   | Amount     | Percent |
|--|------------|---------|
| Federal                                      | 0          | 0.0%    |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0          | 0.0%    |
| Local  | 27,230,000 | 91.6%   |
| Other  | 0          | 0.0%    |
| TOTAL  | 27,230,000 | 91.6 %  |

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 29,730,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

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| <b>FY:</b> | <b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project<br/>for FY <u>2017-18</u></b> |
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|                    | (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.) |                                 |  |
| Column:            | A  | B                               | C  |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds *   | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds * | Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B) |
| Input Amounts:     |  |                                 |  |

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

### 11. Program Performance:

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

To build, and with the help of State funds, hurricane harden a new county fairgrounds. Originally, the Exhibition Hall was not going to be hurricane hardened. After the experience of Irma, it was decided that reinforcing it would be beneficial to our citizens. The State grant will help us achieve this. This will help the citizens of Alachua County, as well as citizens statewide, by providing the ability to shelter scores of people during an emergency in one facility. The facility will house general population evacuees, special medical needs evacuees, and be pet friendly. The current fairgrounds will be opened to redevelopment as it is a prime location for commercial uses due to its proximity to the airport.

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

Indoor track and field meets, trade shows, festivals, performance arts, sporting events such as volleyball and basketball tournaments, banquets, agricultural events such as dressage competitions and livestock auctions, fairs citizen workshy s, and conferences such as association, corporate, religious and social.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

| Spending Category  | Description | Amount |
|--|-------------|--------|
| Administrative Costs   |             |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits |             |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits                           |             |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other             |             |        |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                        |  |           |
| Operational Costs   |  |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits  |  |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                      |  |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                        |  |           |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation   |  |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Construction of new fairgrounds including exhibition hall, arena and midway. | 2,500,000 |
| TOTAL   |  | 2,500,000 |

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

An exhibition hall with only the indoor track in Florida or Georgia able to host sporting events, conferences to 10,000 people, trade shows to 350 booths, banquets to 4,000 or vehicle shows to 75 boats or cars. An arena that will be able to host dressage, competitions, pet shows, livestock auctions, 4-H competitions and concerts. UF/IFAS Extension Services offices will be located in the facility and they will host community training from the facilities.

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

Alachua county and surrounding counties. Over 500,000 citizens will be served through various events and functions each year including trade shows, sporting events, conferences, banquets and performances.

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

Increased values so the citizens of Alachua county and surrounding counties can experience quality of life, increases in sports, performing arts, social and corporate experiences. A database will be kept on all events, revenues and attendance numbers.

**g. 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 in the contract?**

N/A

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Alachua County government will own and operate the facilities.



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### **13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Gina Peebles
- b. **Organization:** Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
- c. **Email:** gpeebles@alachucounty.us
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)538-8265

### **14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Alachua
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☒ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Gina Peebles
- e. **E-mail Address:**
- f. **Phone Number:** (352)538-8265

### **15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**