



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2056

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

4. Project/Program Description

To secure construction funds to build a 14,066 sq. ft. EOC facility for a min. Category 5 storm & paved parking, located on County owned .55-acre parcel. Current facility cited for non-compliance State EOC requirements that consists of 2-stories built in 1926; originally used as County Jail; has perforated metal screen shutters installed on windows throughout the entire building, repairs to the leaky roof were made after 2004 hurricane & received further damages from Hurricane Ian. The general exterior wall construction found in the building is 12" cast-in-place concrete walls with unknown rebar spacing. Specific wind design is not available for the building, roof is flat without overhang & made of cast in place concrete with covering that consists of built-up roofing without gravel & evidence of visible ponding. There is a parapet wall 4" with scuppers located in at least 2 of the walls. An emergency power generator is on site & securely anchored, No interior safe spaces.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,500,000

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)	9,500,000	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	9,500,000	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.
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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.

Received: \$5,232,196; Used for eligible COVID-19 Public Health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods, etc), admin 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

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 the owner and the 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 construction services to complete the engineering and build EOC as designed.	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is have a state approved EOC. Complete the engineering, and seek contractual construction services to build a 14,066 sq. ft. emergency management office/operations center designed to withstand a Category 5 storm. Protects life, health, safety issues related to pre/during/post storm events. Facility to serve as head of operations, pre-/during and after storm events, and will house first responders and efficiently coordinate with emergency personnel, state agencies, disaster recovery providers, etc., in order to restore basic services to citizens faster and efficiently in this fiscally constrained area.

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

Activities are to seek contractual engineering and construction services through the county's procurement process to build Emergency Operations Center as designed.

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

Direct services are protection of life, health, and safety for citizenry, residents, visitors, and evacuees. Emergency Operations Center allows the county to effectively protect general public/citizens/evacuees from coastal and surrounding areas, etc., from harm in pre-disaster preparedness activities, during and after storm managing disaster response and recovery, address needs of community more efficiently with improved emergency communications systems for this rural area of opportunity.

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

Florida residents, visitors, and evacuees from coastal and surrounding areas. More than 27,000 individuals are expected to be served. Hardee County is a financially disadvantaged community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that is located in a Rural Area of Economic Concern/Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes).

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

Benefit is a State approved Emergency Operations Center to specifications for a Category 5 storm that allows for improved communications with first responders, disaster recovery providers, etc., to restore basic services efficiently; improved emergency management response that will effectively protect general public from harm by having a fully operational Emergency Operations Center with up to code equipment. Employment maintained from project in this rural area of opportunity.

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



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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