



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2755

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

4. Project/Program Description

Since 1904, the core functions of Fernandina Beach's municipal government service have been served at the Historic Fernandina Beach City Hall, located in the city's Historic District. Although it has been periodically repaired, Fernandina Beach's one-hundred and nineteen year-old City Hall has structure, size, and damage issues which make it inadequate for fulfilling modern city government public services. Additionally, a 2021 engineering study of Fernandina Beach's city hall reported that the aged City Hall requires such comprehensive repair that "if not for the cultural value of the city hall structure encased within the current form, it could be argued that the entire facility would be replaced." The goal of the "Renovation to Upgrade and Sustain Fernandina Beach Historic City Hall" project is to restore the beautiful and historic Fernandina Beach City Hall as a downtown municipal building and public meeting place that meets local government needs and improves city services.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- 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.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
- Tax increases on local residents.



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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.

\$6,595,742 which was allocated to city police and fire department first responders' salaries and benefits, as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act Agreement Final Rule stipulations.

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?

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.

All fixed capital outlay funding will be for construction on property fully-owned by the City of Fernandina Beach.

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	Engineering design, permitting, and construction of Fernandina Beach Historic City Hall.	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?



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The Fernandina Beach City Hall, located in the Historic District of Downtown Fernandina Beach, was built in 1904. It was renovated in 1956, 1971 and 1995. Today, the structure has documented safety issues and has structural issues that are inadequate to support the City's Mission and staffing needs. The goal of the "Renovation to Upgrade and Sustain Fernandina Beach Historic City Hall" will be to remedy City Hall's issues through engineering design and construction/renovation.

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

In March 2021, a needs and site assessment of Fernandina Beach City Hall was completed by Silling Architects, Inc. The study indicated that while there is currently approximately 6,000 square feet of usable (net) square feet in City Hall, 24,000 square feet of usable space would be needed to accommodate those departments currently housed in City Hall and to return offices previously housed at City Hall: legal, finance, information technology and utility billing. Additionally, the report said, "With that said, several city departments are currently operating in available space that is either less than required or poorly arranged to meet their operational needs." The funds requested through this "Renovation to Upgrade and Sustain Fernandina Beach Historic City Hall" project will complete engineering design and construction that allow Fernandina Beach to reconfigure and modernize City Hall facilities to align staff location and operations to better serve citizens of Fernandina Beach.

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

City employees officed at City Hall provide multiple government services to the public. The "Renovation to Upgrade and Sustain Fernandina Beach Historic City Hall" project will enable City of Fernandina Beach staff to improve space allocations to be more responsive to current and future personnel and citizen needs.

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

The 13,199 residents of Fernandina Beach, Fl.

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

City Hall required improvements include securing the outer envelope of the building (repairing or replacing the roof, stucco, canopies and windows); installing a sprinkler system and firewalls; repairing/replacing electrical, communications and HVAC systems; renovating/revising stairwells and door systems; demolishing the failing additions, and repairing termite damage. The expected outcome of this project is to complete design, permitting, and construction/renovation to resolve the public safety and configuration issues resulting from the aged, and poorly designed City Hall. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured will be measured through metrics tracked by the Fernandina Beach Civil Engineer and post-construction engineering certificates of completion,

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 standard penalties seem pretty adequate, in that the State will not (and should not) reimburse if performance measures are not met.

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



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c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- 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