



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2847

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The construction of the multi-purpose facility will replace the aging facilities built since 1950. It will be used primarily for the educational promotion of the agricultural fair and youth. The facility would be constructed to serve as a natural disaster staging facility for local governments and post-storm recovery efforts. The facility would replace aging facilities that were piecemealed together and damaged during Hurricane Ian. The new facility would be used year round to support community events, increase tourism as well as speed recovery from natural disasters.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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?

April 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 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.

The Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. is created through F.S. 616 to conduct fairs and expositions. It serves as an essential government purpose. It operates as a not-for-profit. The Board of Directors has no ownership interest in the facility and acts as stewards.

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	It would be used for the planning, design, demolition, and construction for a hurricane impact facility to be used during emergency situations for first responders and utility repair operations. It will also provide a place for the public to use for activities and events throughout the year for the public including the annual Sarasota County Fair.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The facility is central to the display and exhibition of youth projects at the annual Sarasota County Fair. The facility will also be available for use by activities and events that promote the benefits of Sarasota. During states of natural disasters, the facility will be used by utilities restoring services to the community. It will allow for the housing of on-site workers thereby speeding restoration services.

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

The facility will hold the annual Sarasota County Fair with over 120,000 residents visiting. During the year, the Fair offers its facilities for activities to promote Sarasota with concerts, commercial activities, expanded ability to increase sports tourism. The facility will serve as a staging site for pre-storm emergency crews as well as post-storm housing and utility staging operations.

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

The ability to stage emergency teams and utility workers will provide a direct service to the citizenry at large by restoring services in a quick and timely manner. It can be used to support regional as well as statewide disaster response. The facility will provide a secure environment for the youth to house and display their fair projects.

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

The target population is the community at large. It could serve over 500,000 people annually through the fair, activities and storm related services.

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

The benefit of the project is to have a facility that will withstand a natural disaster, serve the community in the response as well as provide a center piece for the Sarasota County Fair. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured will be by the increased utilization and economic impact to Sarasota.

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?

N/A

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