



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2747

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Jackson County is seeking funds to renovate the old gym, located at Endeavor Park, into a multi-functional conference and event center. The renovations to the old gym include installing restrooms, office spaces, kitchen areas, seating, conference room area, HVAC upgrades, and IT/Media equipment. The goal of this project is to establish a state-of-the-art conference center space for organizations and individuals to host various types of events and gatherings. The center will serve to unite the community by bringing people together to work on wider community projects, encourage creativity and culture, share valuable community information, and offer educational activities.

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	1,495,725
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,495,725</b>

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)	1,495,725	42%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,028,500	58%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,524,225</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

CARES ACT: Approx. \$7.5 million - allocations to Municipalities @ 25%, Public Safety Employees Reimbursements, PPE, Small Business Grants, IT Remote Equipment, etc.  
 ARPA: Approx. \$4.5 million (spend plan in process) / ARPA: Approx \$9 Million - 90% allocated to salary expenses for FY22-23, remaining 20% expended on balancing FY21-22 budget, legal fees, and capital projects.

## 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?

TBD upon funding award

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

TBD upon funding award

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.

Jackson County Board of County Commissioners (Owner)

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of existing open space including fire sprinklers, electrical, HVAC, and handicap accessible restrooms. Renovation of existing office spaces and communal areas. Installing kitchen area complete with proper food storage and meal preparation space, refrigeration, and freezer additions.	1,495,725
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,495,725</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The goal of this project is to establish a state of the art conference center space for organizations and individuals to host various types of events and gatherings. The center will serve to unite the community by bringing people together to work on wider community projects, encourage creativity and culture, share valuable community information, and offer educational activities. Additionally, because of the historic nature of the building, this project is seen as a way to preserve the past while at the same time enhancing the local economy and the county's tourist development attractions.

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

Jackson County is currently underway with the designs for this project and intends to be complete by the spring of 2023. Upon completion of the design, the county will then facilitate the improvements to the building by conducting the formal procurement process for capital improvement projects (advertise for sealed bids for construction). Following the advertisement, physical construction on the project will begin until completion. Upon completion, the county will market this facility for its intended purpose as a conference and event center.

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

The conference center will be provided to the public as a safe space to gather or meet to hold various types of events including conferences, weddings, speaking engagements, concerts, job fairs, entertainment, etc.

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

The project will primarily serve the citizens of Jackson County (est. population 48,000). Additionally, with the improvements the center will be able to host larger events potentially attracting clients and visitors from several hundred miles in either direction of the county. The facility is located in close proximity to the interstate between several large communities such as Tallahassee, Panama City, Pensacola, and Dothan, AL.

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

Increased revenue from increased event space capacity (metric: funds generated). Enriching the cultural experience of the citizens by providing a safe indoor recreational space for individuals and organizations to host events (metric: number of events, happiness surveys). Increase in tourism because of the meeting hall capacity (metric: number of tourists).

**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?**

De-obligation of funding, failure to request additional funds in the future.

**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**