



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Hardee County Agricultural Training/Conference Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

To construct a 4,000 sq.ft. Agricultural Training/Conference Center building at \$125 per sq. ft. located adjacent to the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center & the County Extension/University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Center that will accommodate up to 200 people & will have the capability to be sectioned into 2 separate rooms that would accommodate 80-100 on each side. This facility would offer a size variety depending on the needs of the conference or training being offered, whether the needs require 200 people or 100 or less. The location is close enough to the restroom facilities of the Agri-Civic Center that serves a local hub for host of agricultural, educational, Fair Association, schools, civic & community events & could utilize them, making this project more cost effective.

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
	500,000	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	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 500,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- 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.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(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 design and construct 4,000 s.f. training/conference center.

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

Contractual architectural/engineering and construction services

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		



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<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	Contractual design and Construction Services	500,000
TOTAL		500,000

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

Once completed, the conference center provides the opportunity to host affordable educational/training programs/seminars to be attended by interested parties, i.e., students, elderly, special needs, residents, visitors, and the business community from the County and surrounding communities.

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

Florida residents & visitors, business community, organizations -- >800

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

To hold affordable educational/training programs/seminars and events in a facility to accommodate up to 200 individuals per event, keep Floridians working with this project, employment, increased revenues. Monitoring of event bookings and attendees.

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?

Non payment of invoices

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.

Hardee County is the owner of the facility and the entity

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners



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b. County: Hardee

c. Organization Type:

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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

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