



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2056

1. **Title of Project:** Florida Horse Park Phase III

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/01/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The third phase of the Florida Horse Park will continue to improve the infrastructure, increase the hurricane evacuation footprint and build new classroom space/museum/administrative building. With approximately 80,000 visitors from across the state and nation annually, the FHP provides the state and community with a recreational facility capable of hosting a diverse series of events including equine sports, educational opportunities, community events, and an animal-safe storm evacuation site. In 2017, as Hurricane Irma barreled toward the state, the FHP saved countless animal and human lives as the evacuation site was at capacity. In 2018, the FHP collected and distributed food, hay and building supplies for the victims of Hurricane Michael.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	5,000,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		500,000	1452A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$2,000,000.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Grounds Equipment: Additional equipment could include livestock fencing, stabling fixtures, and ground maintenance equipment.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Complete buildings, stalls and roads to increase hurricane evacuation options. Classroom space/Administrative offices: Education and meeting requests cannot be fulfilled due to lack of indoor space. Increase options to store livestock in times of emergencies.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Property is owned by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, part of the Florida Greenways, the horse park has a state-wide impact as it provides a critical safe place to shelter humans and animals in a state of emergency. Additionally, the park facility is used to support national and international equine events, interscholastic sports, and education opportunities.

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

The Florida Horse Park serves both residents and tourists from across the state and world. Activities and services include, but not limited to, equine competitions and events, youth rodeos, interscholastic sports, historic (war) re-enactments, car shows, RV shows hot air balloon festivals, Future Farmers of America, educational agriculture events, and a safe environment for the public.

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

Services include, but not limited to recreation, safety, housing and educational.

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

Students of all ages, General Public, Competitors and Athletes. Approximately 100,000 are expected to be served. A 2016-17 study by DACS showed that for every dollar the state invests in the Florida Horse Park, it results in a \$21.83 return on investment via economic activity.



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

The benefits will increase the parks ability to provide a critical safe place to shelter humans and animals in a state of emergency and increase the number of events held at the park, ultimately growing the number of visitors to the park and Florida. This has a state-wide impact that serves both humans and animals, and in the 2017 hurricane, countless animal and human lives were protected through the use of the FHP as a hurricane shelter.

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 in the contract?

Failure to meet performance measures or contract deliverables will result in corrective plans and/or financial penalties. Entity is measured by 570.685 F.S.

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.

The property is leased to the Florida Horse Park by the Department of Environmental Protection, part of the Florida Greenway. The Florida Horse Park is a treasure owned by the state and visited by approximately 80,00 visitors (and growing) annually.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** Florida Horse Park
- b. County:** Marion
- c. Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. Contact Name:** Jason Reynolds
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information



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- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**