



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1736

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

To construct a 4,000 sq. ft. Agricultural Training/Conference Center building, walkway overhand and restroom facilities located adjacent to the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center (which serves as the local hub for much of the agricultural, education, Fair Association, schools, civic & community events) & 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. Facility would offer a size variety based on needs of the conference or training being offered, whether the needs require 200 people or 100 or less. Hardee County is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="630,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>630,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="630000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>630,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2018-19"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2241"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	contractual architectural/engineering & construction services	630,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>630,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

Purpose is to design and construct a 4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities to meet the demand for a facility that will accommodate up to 200 persons to hold affordable, educational/training programs/ seminars & events, providing employment opportunities, increase of tourism & revenues.

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

Contractual architectural/engineering for final design and a set of construction plans, permitting, bidding, project management and construction of the approved design (4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities) to meet the demand for a facility that will accommodate up to 200 persons.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation 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, surrounding communities and out of state visitors.

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

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

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

Final design/construction plans & construction of 4,000 sq.ft. agricultural educational training conference center, walkway overhang and ADA compliant restroom facilities to hold affordable educational/training programs/seminars and events in a facility to accommodate up to 200 individuals per event; employment opportunities, increased revenues. Monitoring of event bookings and attendees. Employment maintained from project.

- 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?

non payment of invoices until milestones achieved, implementing a corrective action plan



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12. **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.**

Hardee County is the owner of the facility and the entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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
  - University or College
  - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.