



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1799

1. **Project Title** Madison County Agricultural and Expo Center2. **Senate Sponsor** Bill Montford3. **Date of Request** 12/10/20194. **Project/Program Description**

The purpose for these funds is to finish the restoration of the 1960 Madison County Agricultural and Expo Center to make the facility handicapped accessible, add handicapped seating; increase general seating; add currently required building code safety features; add additional parking and improve the safety and flow of vehicular traffic to and around the facility. These improvements will help the County attract more events, increase the attendance at events, meetings and functions which will ultimately increase the revenue of the facility and make it more sustainable. Over the years, this facility had become almost completely unusable and these final improvements are greatly needed to complete this project and restore this facility to become a viable part of the community as it was intended to be.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Agriculture and Consumer ServicesState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	650,000
Total State Funds Requested	650,000

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)	650000	59.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	447,300	41 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,097,300	100 %

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		
2015-16		500,000	n/a	No

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	These funds will be used to pay the consultant who has researched the requirements and submitted requests for funding, will oversee the project coordinate construction, insure funds are expended properly and will provide all required documentation to all agencies.	65,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	These funds are to pay for all materials, equipment and supplies including the engineering and design to remove existing concrete stairs, retrofit front entry to add concrete handicapped ramping into facility, add handicapped seating and additional general seating, add safety equipment, such as railing and add emergency exit doors to both ends of the facility.	585,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		650,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The funds requested are to make the Madison County Agricultural and Expo Center handicapped accessible, add required safety equipment and expand the arena seating to accommodate more attendees to help the facility become more financially sustainable.

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

Currently the facility is not handicapped accessible. By making the facility handicapped accessible, increasing the seating and adding required safety features, it will be able to host more events and more people will be able to attend which will bring more revenue in to the facility.

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

The Madison County Agricultural and Expo Center had previously only hosted one 4H Livestock Show event per year. The Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the Soil and Water Conservation office are currently housed in the facility now and a wide variety of agricultural, civic, educational and family entertainment events are being held and more are being planned.

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

The target population is the general public. These funds will not only benefit handicapped individuals but will make the facility more attractive to anyone as it will also be safer to attend events and functions that are being held there and more people will be able to utilize the facility. Based on our projections with the increased seating, we expect 31,000 visitors annually.

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

The expected benefit of the project is to have a safe, handicapped accessible facility with more seating capacity. The methodology to measure the success of the improvements will be in the form of increased revenue to Madison County from the additional seating and the resulting additional events, functions and educational opportunities that will be created with a safer, handicapped accessible facility.

- 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?

The suggested penalty is to return any funds not expended by Madison County to complete the stated objectives of making the facility handicapped accessible, add required safety features and increase seating in the arena area.



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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.**

The owner of the facility is the Department of Agriculture. The Madison County Board of County Commissioners leases the facility from the Department of Agriculture

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.