



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2256

1. **Project Title** Northwest Florida Regional Hurricane Evacuation Shelter and Commerce Center2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer3. **Date of Request** 01/06/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Washington County, with support from counties across the Florida panhandle, wishes to construct a 200,000 sq ft regional hurricane evacuation shelter, emergency staging area, and commerce center. This pet-friendly sheltering facility will serve general population and special needs evacuees from across the region and the state, depending on the area of impact. Emergency responders will have sufficient staging space before, during, and after major events. Following past events, Washington County Schools, which currently serve as evacuation shelters, were unable to re-open as planned due to displaced evacuees having nowhere to go. This facility will eliminate that problem and provide a better sheltering option for all.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Executive Office of the GovernorState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	60,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	60,000,000

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)	60000000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	60,000,000	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		

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		
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	Planning, engineering services, construction activities, and inspection.	60,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		60,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to provide the general and special needs population an evacuation shelter that is also pet-friendly and provides sufficient space for emergency response staging before, during, and after major events.

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

Planning, engineering, construction, and inspection.

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

Citizens from across the panhandle and the state, depending on the area impacted, will have a safe shelter during times of hurricane evacuation orders. Emergency responders will have sufficient staging areas before, during, and after events, and the region will also benefit from having a centrally located commerce/meeting facility near Interstate 10. Washington County schools will no longer be effected by long-term sheltering use after events. Following Hurricane Michael, local schools were unable to reopen as planned due to the number of displaced residents from Washington and surrounding counties.

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

All populations will be served by this project, including elderly and special needs. Being a regional facility with a large staging area, thousands of evacuees and first responders will be served.

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

Washington County will have the ability to shelter local and regional hurricane evacuees without the negative effects on the county's school system. In addition, it is expected that more people will use the shelter knowing that it is pet-friendly. Many people with pets refuse the sheltering option when pets aren't welcome, thus putting themselves in danger. In addition, emergency responders will have a larger, more organized staging area allowing for better communications and centralization of services. Outcome will be measured by the number of evacuees served at the shelter, as well as the number of regional organizations utilizing the centrally-located 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?

If the state determines that the performance of the county is not satisfactory, the state shall have the option of immediately terminating the agreement, or notifying the county of the deficiency with a requirement that the deficiency be corrected within a specified time, otherwise the agreement will be terminated at the end of such time.



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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.**

Washington County

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.