



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1209

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Nassau County seeks funding for the completion of a third courtroom at the Yulee Courthouse Annex. It will significantly help Nassau County and surrounding regions of Duval and Clay in the Fourth Judicial Circuit by providing efficient and effective judicial services to its residents as the county prepares for the looming growth in population related to current and future residential development projects.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		250,000	3209B	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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\$15.3 million was received for small business and mortgage/rental assistance, local entity assistance for municipality, school board and county.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of approximately 2,872 square feet of interior courtroom space. This project will finish the interior of the third courtroom in a manner identical to the other two courtrooms. The project when completed will provide any and all manner of court services to the residents of Nassau, Duval and Clay residents as needed.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The completed construction of a third courtroom in the Yulee Annex would accommodate the county's growing population and resulting increase in civil, criminal, and domestic relations court filings. Because of the Legislative Mandate in House Bill 337 two years ago, to raise the jurisdictional limits for civil cases in county court, there is a real possibility that Nassau County will require another Court Judge in the near future. Nassau County is stated to be the 9th fastest growing county in the state, with a population growth increase of 23%. The project will give the county's judicial operations much needed additional space.

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

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

The project will assist Nassau county in providing efficient and effective judicial services to the residents as the county prepares for the looming growth in population related to the current and future residential development projects. It is estimated that within the next 25 years, the population will increase 71%.

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

85,000 citizens living within Nassau county and the municipal service area of the region is more than one million people.

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



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As a result of the Legislative Mandate in House Bill 337 from 2019, which raised the jurisdictional limits for civil cases in county court, Nassau county will see an increased number of filings in county court. In the likely event an additional court judge is required for Nassau county, the construction of a third courtroom at the Yulee Annex will better accommodate the judicial officers and the daily courtroom space required for judicial operations. The positive outcome can be seen in the data supplied by the Nassau county clerk's office regarding the increase in county court filings over the past four fiscal years.

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 the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures would result in the cancellation of the project and forfeiture of remaining balance of unspent Appropriation.

13. 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.

Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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) State Court System

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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