



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1844

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This city owned facility needs safety-related repairs/renovations to bring this facility up to current code in order to provide a safe facility for residents, visitors, the general public, businesses, and the surrounding areas to attend/host local and statewide programs, concerts, performances, cultural events, educational programs, summer camps, etc. Construction, repairs, and renovations are needed that include ADA compliance and accessibility of parking, fire safety regulations, roof repairs/replacement, electrical and lighting upgrades, etc. The City of Wauchula is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in a rural area of opportunity formerly known as a RACEC community (a rural area of critical economic concern), as designated by the Governor in Executive Order No. 11-81 per s. 288.0656, F.S.

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	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	150,000	2233	Yes

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?



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Yes

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

Hardee County distributed CARES Act funds to the city. City expenses incurred/to be incurred = \$59,640.64; airport grant for operating costs-pending/\$30,000; funds were used for hardening of city facilities/properties including social distancing products/supplies for city facilities, sanitizing equipment/supplies, PPE, technology hardware/equipment/software required for remote working/teleconference meetings, etc.

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	Contractual architectural/engineering and construction services for safety improvements	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to provide a safe, up to code facility for the residents, visitors, public, and surrounding communities to host/attend events. Construction safety improvements includes ADA compliance requirements for parking, fire safety upgrades, roof repairs/replacement, electrical and lighting upgrades, etc.

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

The activities and services provided with funding include seeking contractual services for architectural/engineering, administrative, and construction services through the city's procurement policy to provide a safe, up to current code facility that includes ADA compliance requirements for parking facilities, fire safety requirements, electrical and lighting improvements, and roof repairs/replacement, etc.

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

The direct services provided will be the use of a safe facility that meets current building and fire safety codes, including ADA compliance, and addressing permit regulations in order to provide opportunities to enjoy or participate in events, such as theatre productions, live performances of music, drama, comedy, cultural events, educational programs, summer camps, agri businesses, plays, arts production, etc. Employment maintained within the project.

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

The target population in this rural area of opportunity is residents, visitors, elderly persons, students, economically disadvantaged persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000 people.



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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?

A safe facility that meets current building, fire safety codes, including ADA compliance requirements, appropriate electrical and lighting improvements to host local theatre productions, cultural events and activities, and attractions for the business community that will enrich cultural experience, promote education; improve quality of education by providing youth, students, elderly, general public, residents, and visitors a venue for educational and informational events by agri businesses and the community; allows for citizenry, children, and youth to experience and participate in arts productions, cultural events, activities, etc.; creates employment opportunity; potential to draw from surrounding communities; region-wide population availability; increase in revenues/tourism. Documentation of performance data, surveys, tracking of rentals, revenues, etc.

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?

Nonpayment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

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.

The City of Wauchula is the owner and the entity.



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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)

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