



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2275

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project includes the needed improvements to repurpose the former Gretna Elementary School, which was shut down in 2017 as part of a school consolidation plan. The City of Gretna would like to repurpose this former school to an ADA compliant campus that could be used for a pandemic vaccine, supply, and logistics distribution center; law enforcement training facility; community meeting place for public events; and a place set up to respond to life-threatening events, recover from disasters, and provide safe spaces for community events during times when mobility has been restricted. Improvements include: making the campus ADA compliant, HVAC upgrades, modification of classroom spaces, installation of new audio/visual equipment, modifications to allow for temporary storage and distribution of non-perishable items and materials, and installation of communications throughout the entire campus. The repurposing of this campus would be a great asset for the City of Gretna.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	590,000
Total State Funds Requested	690,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	690,000	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 2022-2023	690,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.



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

Yes

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

CARES Act funding shared by Gadsden County was used for personal protective equipment, law enforcement salaries, and building sanitizing. The City of Gretna received the first 50% allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Those funds, not yet spent, will be used for water and wastewater infrastructure projects to increase capacity.

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	Communications, audio/visual equipment	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Modifications to the buildings and grounds on campus, HVAC improvements, ADA improvements.	590,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		690,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of these funds is to repurpose the former Gretna Elementary School to an ADA compliant campus that could be used for a pandemic vaccine, supply, and logistics distribution center; law enforcement training facility; community meeting place for public events; and a place set up to respond to life-threatening events, recover from disasters, and provide safe spaces for community events during times when mobility has been restricted.

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

The following activities and services will be provided: making the campus ADA compliant, HVAC upgrades, modification of classroom spaces, installation of new audio/visual equipment, modifications to allow for temporary storage and distribution of non-perishable items and materials, and installation of communications throughout the entire campus. These upgrades will allow for public use of the campus.

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

Citizens will be provided with a safe place to go while recovering from disasters, have a safe place to hold community events, and have a distribution center to receive supplies such as disaster relief, pandemic vaccines, and various supplies.

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

This project will benefit the entire City of Gretna, approximately 1,025 individuals. This facility can also serve individuals located outside the City of Gretna.



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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?

This would provide citizens located within and around the City of Gretna a campus for a pandemic vaccine, supply, and logistics distribution center; law enforcement training facility; community meeting place for public events; and a place set up to respond to life-threatening events, recover from disasters, and provide safe spaces for community events during times when mobility has been restricted. The outcome will be measured by the use of the 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 the contract?

The City of Gretna will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures should funding be made available.

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.

This facility will be owned and operated by the City of Gretna.



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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