



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2370

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds used to seek contractual architectural/engineering design, site preparation/construction services for a 166,000 sq. ft. primarily open-air Livestock and Expo building at the county owned Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center and Fairgrounds. New facility will be able to host livestock shows, have overflow horse stalls & additional events providing a safe environment for both livestock & participants. Plans include a 24,700 sq. ft. climate-controlled area for classrooms, clinics, expos, youth shows, sporting events, workshops, & addresses the spacial safety requirements needed for the livestock & participants. Promotes positive environment to enhance & increase events, educational opportunities, increase employment, improve the local economy, increase State revenues in this area of Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes). Supports Agri-Civic Center Advisory Committee Master Plan & has community-wide support. Current facility not sufficient to increase programs/events.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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.

The county is slated to receive \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds, that will be used to address Jail Expansion/Renovation from revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure and tourist development shortfall.

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 design, project management and site preparation/ construction services	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Funds used for contractual architectural/engineering design, site preparation/construction services for a 166,000 sq. ft. primarily open-air Livestock and Expo building at the county owned Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center and Fairgrounds. The facility will house livestock shows, overflow horse stalls and additional events providing a safe environment for both livestock and participants. The plans include a 24,700 sq. ft. climate-controlled area for classroom, clinics, and workshops.

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

Securing contractual architectural/engineering, project management & construction services through the county's procurement process for a new 166,000 sq. ft. mostly open air livestock and expo building to safely host livestock shows; overflow portable horse stalls, other agricultural, educational, and revenue producing events, County Fair, trade shows, outdoor expos, youth programs, sporting events and other similar events.

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

Direct services to citizens with the completion of this new facility provides a positive environment to attend/participate in a variety of events that provides new educational opportunities, enrichment of the cultural experience, workshops, youth shows, expos, sporting events, etc. with adequate space to address safety concerns between livestock and participants, provides for employment opportunities, improves the economy, increases revenues in this Rural Area of Economic Opportunity.

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



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Target audience is Okeechobee County, surrounding communities, Statewide, students, tourists, visitors, agricultural community, etc.

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

Benefit of adding a new Livestock and Expo building is an improved economy, employment opportunities, health, agricultural production/promotion/ quality of education by having a facility to safely host livestock events/trade shows/4H/FAA/County Fair & other educational programs & activities. The facility addresses the safety spacial requirements between livestock & participants; allows to increase the number of large outdoor events including sporting, health expos & outdoor expositions that promote healthy lifestyles, food production & wellness activities; enrichment of the cultural experience for attendees & the surrounding region by providing an increase in cultural & educational programs, trade shows, farmer's markets, 4H/FAA & related programs; increase educational workshops & training clinics geared towards the agricultural community, school aged children & other community partners for career training facilities. Tracking of events and attendees. Certification of the project.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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.

Okeechobee County is the owner of the facility 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