



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2448

1. Project Title Washington County Agriculture Center Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor George Gainer

3. Date of Request 01/17/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be used for the construction of a shelf ready-designed entryway that will provide a designated, covered, ADA-compliant entryway. Also, the funds will be used for a larger parking lot design and construction that would allow for additional usage while saving the much loved oak trees that are located within the parking area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	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	700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	0		No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes

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



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\$4.8 million has been allocated to Washington County, which is being used to provide public support to slow the spread of the virus in our area.

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	Project Construction	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Washington County Agriculture Center is the heart of most activities in our rural county. In addition to the annual Watermelon Festival, which brings thousands of visitors to our county each summer, the facility also hosts youth fairs, homeowner educational classes, high school and college graduations, beauty pageants, family gatherings, and more.

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

The direct services to be provided to the citizens would be a superior parking area that would create a safe and consistent flow of traffic, as well as a designated, ADA-compliant entryway that will shield visitors from the elements while entering the building.

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

The majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups, elderly, at-risk youth, economically disadvantaged persons and the general population.

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

All 25,473 Washington County residents, and surrounding citizens.

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

The expected benefit of this project is that the parking lot would be constructed up to safety standards and the entrance way would be ADA-compliant.

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 complete the project as agreed upon shall result in funds being removed from the project.



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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.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners



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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