



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2463

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Holmes County Board of County Commission is pursuing funding for the construction of a UF/IFAS Extension facility located next to the Holmes County Agriculture Center. The current facility suffered significant damage from Hurricane Michael in 2019 when the facility had to be closed due to water damage. The county is currently paying \$2,000 a month in rent to accommodate staff. The new facility will enhance the programs and events, including ag-related programs, that can be offered in the county.

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	325,000
Total State Funds Requested	325,000

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)	325,000	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	325,000	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.

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



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

The County is currently scheduled to receive a total of approximately \$3.8 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. No funding from ARPA has been expended for any projects to date but has been allocated at 50% of the funding needed.

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 a 60' x 125' metal building with fully furnished office space and an open-air classroom/pavilion.	325,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		325,000

12. Program Performance

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

For the construction of a UF/IFAS Extension facility located next to the Holmes County Agriculture Center. The current facility suffered significant damage from Hurricane Michael in 2019 when the facility had to be closed due to water damage. The county is currently paying \$2,000 a month and \$24,000 a year in rent to accommodate staff. The new facility will enhance the programs and events that can be offered in the county.

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

Currently, due to the state of the facility and its inability to serve the needs of attendees, large educational events are often hosted outside the county. Large groups are often encouraged to seek other facilities but the new facility will allow Holmes County to host these events again.

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

The new extension building will provide space for the community events, including agriculture, family and consumer science, horticulture, community development, as well as youth programs, specifically through its 4-H system.

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

A wide section of the population will benefit, including the elderly, jobless, at-risk youth and high school and college students. Approximately, over 1,000 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The new facility will allow for telehealth services to be provided which will enable patients to receive essential healthcare services locally. These services will provide a tremendous benefit to the local community.



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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 county will award the contract through a bid process and the bid documents will spell out the liquidated damages for project overruns.

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 county is the owner and 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