



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2470

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

## 4. Project/Program Description

The third phase of the Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park Authority (FACHPA) will continue to improve the infrastructure, increasing the disaster relief footprint and expanding on the variety of events hosted at the park. The FACHPA has proven to be a vital site in times of disaster relief, not only as an animal-safe evacuation site, but as a staging point of distribution for food, water and supplies. The FACHPA was also instrumental in the distribution of the Covid 19 vaccination and testing.

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                         | 800,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>800,000</b> |

## 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)       | 800,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal  | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local  | 0              | 0%          |
| Other  | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b> | <b>800,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? 

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
| 2018-19                  | 0         | 500,000      | 1452A                       | No     |

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.

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category  | Description  | Amount         |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |  |                |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |  | 0              |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |  | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  | 0              |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  | 0              |
| <b>Operational Costs: Other</b>  |  |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |  | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Grounds Equipment: Additional equipment could include livestock fencing, livestock panels, park fixtures, generators and ground maintenance equipment.   | 25,000         |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Architect and Engineering Services: Further expansion of the master design criteria. As the park increases its roll as a vital part of the disaster relief plan for local and state government, implementation of the updated master plan must begin to ensure the best use of the facilities. | 175,000        |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Additional infrastructure could include the completion of stalls, RV sites, Internet, lighting and reinforced roads to allow for the use of 18 wheelers, heavy traffic and trailers in times of emergencies.   | 600,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>800,000</b> |

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The third phase of the Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park Authority (FACHPA) will continue to improve the infrastructure, increasing the disaster relief footprint and expanding on the variety of events hosted at the park. FACHPA has proven to be a vital site in times of disaster relief, not only as an animal-safe evacuation site, but as a staging point of distribution for food, water and supplies. The FACHPA was also instrumental in the distribution of the COVID-9 vaccination and testing.

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

Activities include: educational, recreational, agricultural, and emergency management. Examples include (but not limited to) equine competitions, youth rodeos, cross country and athletic events, compost research, historic event re-enactments, car shows, Christmas light displays, polo matches, and K9 displays and training.

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

Services for citizens include (but are not limited to) recreation, safety, housing, emergency management, and education.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, and general population (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group). Other: Hurricane and Emergency evacuation for humans and livestock, staging and point of distribution. Last year the Horse Park hosted more than 150,000 visitors and only expects to see those numbers increase.

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



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**be measured?**

Improve physical health - Measure: The FACHPA has events throughout the year promoting physical fitness. Some of these include: high school cross country races, bicycle races, trail running, and duathlons. Methodology: Increasing the number of events will promote the benefits of health and fitness throughout the community and state.

Improve Mental Health - Measure: The FACHPA is a host for many equine events including several that serve students. Research shows the therapeutic value of horses for people of all ages, particularly those engaged in a sport as a discipline. Methodology: Increasing the number of events will promote the health and fitness of the community and event participants.

Enrich cultural experience - Measure: The FACHPA hosts educational events such as the Ocklawaha River Raid Civil War Reenactment which portrays the 1865 skirmish in Marion County. Methodology: Historic event reenactments educate citizens and visitors of all ages on the history of Florida.

**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 meet deliverables would result in financial consequences including withholding of funding, or reduction in specified payments.

**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 facility is owned by the state of Florida and operated under a lease through the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



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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