



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2499

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

4. Project/Program Description

Okeechobee BOCC is seeking funds to renovate and construct the 66,503 sq. ft. 232 beds jail and sheriff office to a 122,249 sq.ft. 444 beds facility. The current antiquated facility built in 1986 is insufficient, has major plumbing issues, obsolete equipment & does not meet rules/regulations to properly address increases of the inmate population, separation of male/female inmates, safe processing of inmates, etc. Inmate population continues to exceed the maximum capacity of the existing jail each month. The additional 55,746 sq.ft. addresses needs for new inmate housing, expansion of Sheriff's offices/Jail Administration/intake and processing/medical/building support functions, food service and laundry areas. Project addresses the life, health and safety for all law enforcement employees/first responders/inmates/ the public as they are at risk in this old antiquated facility. Promotes employment/jobs, increases revenues in this Rural Area of Opportunity (s.288.0656, Florida Statutes).

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	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	25,000,000

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)	25,000,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000,000	38%
Other	15,000,000	23%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	65,000,000	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 project management and construction services	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Goal is to expand/rehab & construct the 66,503 sq.ft. facility from 232 beds to 122,249 sq.ft. 444 beds facility to safely accommodate increased adult & juvenile female/male prisoners & protect law enforcement/1st responders/employees/public; Funds used to seek contractual project management & construction services to fix old plumbing; add new inmate housing, safe intake & processing area; food service/laundry, medical areas and administration offices; emergency generator, demolition of existing pods, and complete site work. A Committee was created to input/review proposals. A feasibility study was conducted and the County initiated consultant design services.

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

Activities and services include seeking contractual project management & construction services through the County's procurement process to renovate/repair the old antiquated facility, fix the plumbing issues, demolish existing structures, add 55,746 sq.ft. that includes a 212 bed housing unit; secure intake and processing area; laundry/food service areas; needed administration areas, medical space, an emergency generator, ADA compliance, complete necessary site work as designed.

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

Direct services to citizens is improved sheriff/jail facilities creating a safer, more secure positive environment that leads to less liability on the County and vicariously upon the tax payers. Completed project provides for encouraging environment for recovery and improvement of those incarcerated to increase the probability of becoming productive and contributing members of the community. Improves and protects all citizens and visitors.

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



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Population served is the residents and visitors of Okeechobee County; law enforcement personnel and employees, first responders including the inmate population: Greater than 40,000

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

Expected outcome is to replace the existing failing jail structures; provide appropriate & safe sheriff facilities & adequate jail accommodations to address increasing inmate populations & safely protect law enforcement personnel/visitors; improve State revenues; increase workforce (13 jobs created) for this rural area of economic opportunity. Improve mental/physical health, inmate education, protect general public from harm, reduce recidivism/substance abuse. 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 milestone to be adhered to throughout the project; corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones addressed; liquidated damages, if needed

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 property and facility.



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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