

LFIR # 2550

1. Project Title City of Wauchula Community Auditorium Safety Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor **Ben Albritton**

3. Date of Request 01/21/2022

4. Project/Program Description

This city owned facility needs safety-related repairs/renovations to bring this facility up to current code in order to provide a safe facility for residents, visitors, the general public, businesses, and the surrounding areas to attend/host local and statewide programs, concerts, performances, cultural events, educational programs, summer camps, etc. Construction, repairs, and renovations are needed that include ADA compliance and accessibility of parking, fire safety regulations, roof repairs/replacement, electrical and lighting upgrades, etc. The City of Wauchula is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in a rural area of economic opportunity formerly known as a RACEC community (a rural area of critical economic concern), as designated by the Governor in Executive Order No. 11-81 per s. 288.0656, F.S.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	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	1,600,000	100%	

Yes 8. Has this project previously received state funding?

No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
2018-19	0	150,000	2233	Yes	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

b.

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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.

American Rescue Plan total funding is to be \$2,397,086; first allocation is \$1,198,543. The funds to be used for water and sewer infrastructure needs.

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/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Contractual architectural/engineering and administrative services. Contractual construction services for safety and code improvements.	1,600,000	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 1,600,00			

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to provide a safe, up to code facility for the residents, visitors, the public, and the surrounding communities to host/attend events. Construction safety improvements will include ADA compliance requirements for parking, fire safety upgrades, roof repairs/replacement, electrical and lighting upgrades, etc.

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

The activities and services provided with funding include seeking contractual services for architectural/engineering, administrative, and construction services through the city's procurement policy to provide a safe, up to current code facility that includes ADA compliance requirements for parking facilities, fire safety requirements, electrical and lighting improvements, and roof repairs/replacement, etc.

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

The direct services provided will be the use of a safe facility that meets current building and fire safety codes, including ADA compliance and addressing permit regulations, in order to provide opportunities to enjoy or participate in events, such as theatre productions, live performances of music, drama, comedy, cultural events, educational programs, summer camps, agri businesses, plays, arts production, etc. Employment maintained within the project.

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

The target population in this rural area of opportunity is residents, visitors, elderly persons, students, economically disadvantaged persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000 people.

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



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A safe facility that meets current building, and fire safety codes, including ADA compliance requirements; appropriate electrical and lighting improvements to host local theatre productions, cultural events, and activities; and attractions for business community that will enrich cultural experience, and promote with education. Improve quality of education by providing youth, students, elderly, general public, residents, and visitors with a venue for educational and informational events by agri businesses and the community; allows for citizenry, children, and youth to experience and participate in arts productions, cultural events, activities, etc.; creates employment opportunity; potential to draw from surrounding communities; region-wide population availability; increase in revenues/tourism. Documentation of performance data, surveys, tracking of rentals, revenues, etc.

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?

Nonpayment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

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.

City of Wauchula is the entity and the owner.



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