



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2775

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This is a long-term, multi-phase expansion plan to develop the museum's potential as an education and research facility that will preserve agricultural history and improve the future of the industry while providing an entertaining experience. The Florida Agricultural Museum expansion plan, once actualized, will guide visitors through more than 400 years of history chronologically to include the important influences on Florida agriculture of the Timucua Indians, Spanish, early pioneers, plantations, agri-business work yards, concluding with anticipated future endeavors and a wildfire education zone. It will also have a two-story visitor center that will include a welcome lobby and admissions, exhibition area, gift shop, café, offices, classrooms, boardroom, and a hydroponics display.

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 | 4,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 4,500,000 |

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) | 4,500,000 | 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 | 4,500,000 | 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.

The Florida Agricultural Museum is a 501c3 so the only alternative sources would be any grant opportunities or loans.

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



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Yes

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

Flagler County has received approximately \$20 million from CARES which was used for business and individual assistance grants, local government including municipalities and public safety. Flagler County has also received \$22 million in ARPA funds which is for local infrastructure projects and broadband.

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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project design - \$1,746,700.00• Site work for Museum/Visitor Center, Parking Lot, Communal Greenspace and storm water retention ponds - \$2,753,300.00 | 4,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 4,500,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

To develop the museum's potential as an education and research facility that will preserve agricultural history and improve the future of the industry while providing an entertaining experience. The Florida Agricultural Museum expansion plan will guide visitors through more than 400 years of history chronologically to include the important influences on Florida agriculture.

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

The Florida Agricultural Museum will be an educational destination for the millions of tourists coming to Florida each year; students of public, private and homeschools; locals wanting an educational and entertaining experience; and researchers looking for ways to improve production of agriculture through advanced technology.

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

They would start in the welcome center with displays, demonstration areas, classrooms and a gift shop. Visitors would meander through the villages and learn about agriculture of the past, present and future in keeping with the mission. There will be zones within the villages for learning opportunities and interactive elements. Every industry in Florida's agriculture would be represented.

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

The target population includes students, tourists and visitors from around the State of Florida and potentially across the U.S. It is expected that annually more than 150,000 could visit the Florida Agricultural Museum.

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?

This project will revitalize and improve the State of Florida Agricultural Museum allowing us to realize its full potential. There will be health, educational, and research benefits to visitors, students and researchers learning about this industry, as well as having a major economic impact for Flagler County which will have a resounding affect across the State of Florida. These outcomes will be measured through surveys, feedback, annual statistics, revenue and annual local tourism tax from hotel stays.

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 Florida Agricultural Museum would not appropriate any further funding until deliverables and performance measures required for the contract were met.

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.

Flagler County through a Resolution has committed to supporting with staff and other in-kind services for the duration of this project. While the Florida Agricultural Museum is a 501c3, Flagler County has a vested interest in supporting and ensuring that this project is successful. It will not only boost the local economy but also bring a much needed focus on this industry and the importance to the State of Florida.



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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