



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1644

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will be used to construct a 10,000 square foot USDA-inspected meat processing facility and workforce training site in Newberry, Florida. It's purpose is to serve small cattle, pig, sheep and goat ranchers within a 100 mile radius. It will also provide high-skill workforce training in butchery and other value added meat processes in coordination with UF/IFAS and Santa Fe College. The facility will support agricultural and food resilience in Florida helping to preserve small farms.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	47%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	48%
Other	250,000	5%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	5,250,000	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.

Alachua County has received \$26,129,224.50 from the U.S. Treasury under the American Rescue Plan - State and Local Fiscal Revenue Recovery Funds. These resources are deployed to programs such as but not limited to, regional rural broadband development, food security, and low-income home energy efficiency programs. The county has allocated \$2.5 million from these resources to the meat processing facility.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

12. List 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.

Alachua County will be the owner of the facility.

13. 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	Facility kitchen and butchery equipment, freezer, storage, processing, and waste disposal equipment.	2,500,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The use of funds will support the construction of 10,000 square foot facility providing USDA certified meat suitable for retail sale by local ranchers and related workforce training. Local facilities will make regions more food resilient and preserve ranching operations.

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

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

This facility will provide direct employment for up to 12, and regional employment opportunities for +70. It will provide USDA certified meat processing services for small ranchers producing cattle, pig, sheep, and goat. It will also provide workforce training services in meat processing and related high-skill culinary arts.

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

Small to mid-sized ranchers from the surrounding region. The number of ranchers the facility serves will vary depending upon the number of animals brought for processing. The facility is designed to process 3,900 animals per year. The facility will provide direct employment for up to 12 and indirectly support +70 jobs.

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

This facility will be a vital part of ensuring regional food resilience by providing a local source of USDA inspected meat. In times of crisis or disruption to national and international food markets, having a reliable, local source of food becomes crucial. This facility will help ensure access to a stable food supply, helping to strengthen the region's overall food security. In addition to the food security, small rancher support, and jobs potential, the facility's total economic impact of this facility will be between \$10.2M - \$15.3M/year

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?

US Treasury ARPA funds are dedicated to this project. The county is obligated to meet the following performance measures as part of this project:

- Be a resource efficient operation that is self-supporting in revenue generation.
- Provide humane slaughter facilities comporting to nationally recognized best practices and State statutes.
- maximize energy efficiency and waste product recycling.
- Service small to mid-scale ranchers and provide vocational training space for meat cutters.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number