

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request

LFIR # 2236

1. Project Title Planning for Area Distribution/Reuniting Center Improvements/Cooling Center - Jefferson County

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 12/07/2023

4. Project/Program Description

After Hurricane Idiala, the need for an area for the county to organize distribution and a location for families to be reunited with their loved ones became very obvious. We have also seen a need for a cooling center. We plan to utilize these funds to hold workshops for community input and create plans for creating such a location. As a community with limited resources, we need to maximize what we have to better service our citizens. By creating these plans, we will be able to achieve this.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Division of Em

Division of Emergency Management

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	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 2024-2025	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

Yes 2,500,000

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Once plans have been created, we will be able to apply for other grant opportunities through Department of Commerce and Division of Emergency Management, should this not make it to the State priority list.

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.

Funding was initially received for improvements to County facilities to protect the employees and citizens when they entered and were doing business in the county offices/buildings. No additional funds have been received.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a.	What	is	the	current	phase	of	the	project	?
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📀 Planning	🔘 Design	Construction
b. Is the project	shovel ready	(i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

🔿 N/A

No

2/1/2025

12/31/2026

This facility is owned by the tax payers of the Jefferson County and maintained through the Board of County Commissioners.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount	
Administrative Costs:			
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	None, the County will not be charging any administrative costs only the cost of planning and design.	0	
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	A potential for travel and supplies for community workshops may be incurred.	50,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	We will have a consultant help us design and plan for best practices for improving facilities and designing a new one to meet the desired goals.	100,000	
Operational Costs: Other			
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	n/a	0	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0	
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	The remainder of the funds will go toward the renovation and engineering of the whole project.	350,000	
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	500,000	

14. Program Performance

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



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Should Jefferson County receive funding for this project, we will seek public input and design a location that would meet the needs seen through experience and information from the workshops. The ultimate goal is to design a building to be utilized during a time of disaster as a distribution location, a place for families to be reunited with loved ones, potentially a special needs shelter, and a cooling station. During times without a disaster, we would like the building to be utilized for the community. This building would be an extension of the library and can house community activities. All of this takes planning and a good design.

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

For the current ask of just the engineered design plans, we will be holding community workshops and getting buy in from the citizens as well as the Health Department and the Emergency Management office. We are a small fiscally constrained County, we need to maximize our resources for maximum efficiency. Should this project be able to go through to completion, we have library staff that can operate and manage the building without having to drastically increase day to day costs.

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

The citizens will have a central location to receive disaster type services as well as a place too cool off during the summer. They will also be able to book the building for community groups and could hold tutoring services here.

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

This project is intended to benefit the whole community of Jefferson County.

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

be measured?

The expected benefit is to have a central location for services. By tying the building in with the library system, we can maximize the use of the building through all the programs our library has to offer, when a disaster is not looming. By having this facility it will give the residents a piece of mind know where they can go to get help during times of disaster. Currently we do not have a central location like this in the community.

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 State should require the funds back from the County should the project not commence.

15. Requester Contact Information

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c. Organization Ty	ре				

□For Profit Entity

□Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)



d. Phone Number

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