



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2192

1. Project Title Taylor County Courthouse Air Handler & Duct Replacement Project

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 2/28/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project is to replace five Air Handler Units (AHU's) and duct work at Taylor County Courthouse. Southern Earth Sciences completed a Mold Testing Report & Work Plan due to ongoing air quality concerns. It was determined in the Study, one of the key problems is the existing AHU's. The units have not been replaced since 1981 and are in poor condition. Due to age and being full of insulation the duct work cannot be cleaned. The Courthouse suffered damage from Hurricane Helene which further exacerbated the AHU problems. Adequate AHU's are essential to improve air quality and to remove particulates from the air.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Court System

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,508,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,508,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,508,000	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 2025-2026	1,508,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☒ Construction ☐ N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Taylor County will provide funding for maintenance and on going operations. A new, adequate system will actually reduce current costs as well as the new system having a warranty.

11. 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.

Taylor County Board of Commissioners owns, operates, and maintains the Courthouse.

12. 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		
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	All funds will be used for the purchase and installation of five new Air Handler Units and the replacement of duct work in Taylor County Courthouse.	1,508,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,508,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the funds is the purchase and installation of five new Air Handler Units (AHU's) and the replacement of duct work in the Courthouse. There have been ongoing concerns on the air quality in the Courthouse and in a study completed by Southern Earth Sciences it was determined that replacing the AHU's and duct work was critical for air quality improvement and the health and welfare of the Courthouse employees as well as the many citizens who access the facility for services. The AHU's are over 44 years old.

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

The replacement of the AHU's and duct work will greatly improve the air quality in the Courthouse. The AHU's will ensure the air is balanced and moisture is removed from the humid environment thus eliminating the potential of mold growth. The roof damage from Hurricane Helene has greatly increased the growth of mold and replacement of the AHU's is even more critical to ensure for a safe, healthy work environment for employees including those who work in the Court System as well as the many citizens who access the facility daily.

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

Due to the current concerns of the Courthouse air quality and a documented study confirming the concerns are valid, the direct services will be ensuring the Courthouse has good air quality throughout the facility. The new AHU's and duct work upgrades will ensure particulates such as pollen, dust, and other contaminants are removed from the air.

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

All citizens who access the Courthouse will be served by the project as well as the employees who work in the facility including the Court system. More than 150,000 individuals will be served annually.

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

The new AHU's and duct work will ensure for a safe and healthy environment for both employees and the many citizens who access the facility including the courtrooms and associated offices. Ensuring for public safety, and a healthy and environmentally safe facility is the expected benefit and outcome 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 in the contract?

As the replacement of the AHU's and duct work is a critical need, the County is ready to move forward with the purchase and installation of the AHU's and replacement of the duct work when funding is secured. Quotes have been obtained for the AHU's. All performance measures and deliverables will be met within the contract timelines and requirements.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☒ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane's Idalia and Helene

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No



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☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

☐ Yes, Applied

☐ Yes, Received

☒ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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