



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3115

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Community Auditorium is a city owned facility that needs safety-related repairs/renovations to bring it up to current code in order to provide cultural experiences in an undeserved community 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. Safety improvements include ADA accessibility, fire safety regulations, sprinkler system, fire rated curtain, replacing original rope and weight fly system, electrical & lighting upgrades. Wauchula is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in Hardee County, which is a rural area opportunity, as designated by the Governor in Executive Order No. 11-81 per s. 288.0656, F.S.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

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

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

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)	2,000,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years			2233	Yes

9. **Is future 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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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.

Received \$2,397,086; Funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

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
 N/A

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.

The City of Wauchula is both owner and entity.

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		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	Contractual construction services and architectural/Engineering & Administrative Services	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To provide cultural experiences in an undeserved community in a safe, up to current code, City owned facility for citizenry, residents, visitors, businesses & surrounding areas to attend/host local & state wide programs/concerts/performances & events, etc. Safety improvements include ADA accessibility, fire safety regulations, sprinkler system, fire rated curtain, replacing original rope and weight fly system, electrical & lighting upgrades, etc. Financially disadvantaged municipality.

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

Seeking contractual services for architectural/engineering, administrative and construction services through the city's procurement policies.

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

Citizens will have a safe place that is up-to-code to host/use/attend cultural art, educational programs, theatre productions, performances, plays, etc. Provides for protection of life, health & safety issues, ADA compliance regulations addressed.

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?

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 agribusinesses 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?

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

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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