

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Washington County Agriculture Center Improvements
2. Date of Submission: 11/16/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>
Input Amounts:					700,000	700,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	700,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

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7. Requester:

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b. Organization: Washington County Board of County Commissioners

c. Email: jmassey@washingtonfl.com

d. Phone #: (850)638-6200

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

a. Name: Julie Dillard

b. Organization: County Extension Director & 4-H Agent

c. Email: juliepd@ufl.edu

d. Phone #: (850)638-6180

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Christopher L. Carmody

b. Firm: GrayRobinson PA

c. Email: chris.carmody@gray-robinson.com

d. Phone #: (407)843-8880

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Washington County Agriculture Center

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b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Washington

c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Washington

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Funds will be used for the construction of a shelf ready-designed entryway that will provide a designated, covered, ADA-compliant entryway. Also, the funds will be used for a larger parking lot design and construction that would allow for additional usage while saving the much loved oak trees that are located within the parking area.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		

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<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Cconstruction of a shelf ready-designed entryway that will provide a designated, covered, ADA-compliant entryway. Also, the funds will be used for a larger parking lot design and construction that would allow for additional usage while saving the much loved oak trees that are located within the parking area.	700,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>700,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

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Yes

a. Please Describe:

The topic has been discussed at numerous Washington County Board of County Commissioners meetings.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The Washington County Agriculture Center is the heart of most activities in our rural County. In addition to the annual Watermelon Festival, which brings thousands of visitors to our county each summer, the facility also hosts youth fairs, homeowner educational classes, high school and college graduations, beauty pageants, family gatherings, and more.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The direct services to be provided to the citizens would be a superior parking area that would create a safe and consistent flow of traffic, as well as a designated, ADA-compliant entryway that will shield visitors from the elements while entering the building.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students

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- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The Ag center host a wide variety of events from dance recitals, AWF wrestling matches, gardening and weed management class, to daycare graduations. The amount of cultural influence that the Ag center provides is very	With all events that are held at the Ag center, an approximate number of attendees is maintained.

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	important to the citizens of Washington County.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Livestock 4-H youth organizations whose mission is "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development" meets throughout the year at the Ag center. Beekeepers meetings are a staple at the Ag center as well.	Frequent user surveys will be utilized.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	The current parking situation is not suitable for safety or proper usage.	A redesign of the parking lot will solve the safety issues.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	The uses for this facility is endless. Small businesses utilize the extra space for certain sales and promotions.	Ag Center officials maintain a list of rented usage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	The Annual Watermelon Festival is held at the facility and brings thousands of visitors to our area each year.	Improved parking will certainly benefit the annual free event for our residents and visitors.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Alcoholics Anonymous retreat provides a safe place for citizens to get the help and skills that are required for recovery at the Ag center.	Frequent anonymous surveys as to how this group meeting here has helped in the recovery process.
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		