

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: Jackson County Agriculture Center Improvements
2. Date of Submission: 10/25/2021
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	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
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
TOTAL	700,000	100%	

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? No

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.

Return funds.

7. Requester:

a. Name: James Peacock

b. Organization: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners

c. Email: peacockj@jacksoncountyfl.gov

d. Phone #: (850)482-9633

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

a. Name: Hunter Potts

b. Organization: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners

c. Email: pottsh@jacksoncountyfl.gov

d. Phone #: (850)718-8142

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

a. Name: Alan J. Suskey

b. Firm: Suskey Consulting, LLC

c. Email: as@suskeyconsulting.com

d. Phone #: (850)510-8314

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners

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

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

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?

To renovate the Jackson County Agriculture Center Grounds following the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael. The renovations would allow the Ag. Center to host large scale rodeo events both indoor and outdoor while providing suitable animal enclosures to allow for overnight livestock stays.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architectural design for the new announcers booth approximately 10ftx15ft, the booth would go under the main show arena and would need to be compatible with	15,000

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	the electrical systems of the existing barn.	
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<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	Demo Existing Structures, Site Prep. / Foundation, Install New Barn (80x180x14), Electrical/Water Infrastructure (for new barn), Install New Bleachers for Arena, Cow Panels/chutes for Arena Rodeo Upgrade, Livestock Stalls for New Barn (\$1,500x100), New Announcers Booth, Outdoor Arena Improvement (panels, bleachers, lighting).	685,000
TOTAL		700,000

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.)

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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?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

A public meeting was held on August 24th for the Board of County Commissioners to approve this application for funding under a legislative appropriations ask. Additionally, we received a letter of support from the Regional Planning Council.

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 29 acre multi-purpose facility is managed by the County and is available for use to the public 24/7 to fit an event's needs featuring 64 RV hookups, overnight horse stalls, restrooms, showers, indoor auditorium, covered arena, outdoor show arena, and ample parking. The area also serves as a major draw for our tourism industry attracting larger events such as barrel racing and the circus.

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

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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

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- 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
- 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): The Center provides recreational opportunities for all members of the population.

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The Center plays host to Dog Shows, Family Reunions, Festivals, Banquets, Livestock Sales, Wedding Receptions, Horse Shows, Barrel Racing, and Team Roping events. All of which serve to enrich the community and continue to preserve the largely agriculturally based heritage of Jackson County.	The Facility can track the number of events with the improvements as compared to before.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	The Center frequently hosts 4-H and FFA Events which help to promote the benefits and importance of farming in our community.	The Facility can track the number of events with the improvements as compared to before.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Having a first class agriculture center allows for more opportunities for hands on learning for students.	Events can be tracked as well as the number of students enrolled in 4-H or FFA groups.
<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 type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	<p>The benefits to the center for a new livestock storage barn and arena improvements will allow the center to host larger events such as rodeos which are major draw for businesses/investors in the community and across the U.S., especially since the rodeos will not be prevented by rain events.</p>	<p>A single rodeo event can bring in world class sponsors, athletes, and thousands of spectators, many of which will stay in the area for multiple nights creating an additional source of revenue for the community.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	<p>Many owners of horses remark on how they enjoy being able to keep their horses overnight at the Ag. Center either while competing in events there or on the road to another event. Currently, because of the damage caused by Hurricane Michael the Center is severely limited on the number of animals it can accommodate.</p>	<p>The facility can track the number of tourists staying at the site who house the horses/livestock at the facility.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	<p>Presently, the Ag. Center is managed by one County employee who is assisted by local inmates. If the facility had these upgrades and generated more revenue the County plans on hiring additional staff to help operate the facility.</p>	<p>The number of additional positions/employees at the center.</p>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	The increased revenue generated by the center because of these improvements will allow the center to become self sufficient and not rely on a general revenue subsidy from the County.	The facilities income will be monitored and compared to previous years.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<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):		