

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Walton County Research & Education Institute
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?No? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- 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 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <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 <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					6,000,000	6,000,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Education
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
Loss or reduction of funds.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Cecilia Jones
- b. Organization: Walton County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: jonescecilia@co.walton.fl.us
- d. Phone #: (850)892-8155

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

- a. Name: Dede Hinote
- b. Organization: Walton County Board of County Commissionoers
- c. Email: hindede@co.walton.fl.us
- d. Phone #: (850)892-8155

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Kelly Horton
- b. Firm: Heffley Associates
- c. Email: kelly@heffleyassociates.com
- d. Phone #: (850)251-8400

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Walton County Board of County Commissionoers
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Walton
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Bay, Okaloosa, Walton

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

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

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

The funds will be used to construct a state-of-the-art green facility which will host programs related to autonomous vehicles, agriculture, aquaculture and environmental innovation.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?? 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		
<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	Planning, design and construction of the institute.	6,000,000
TOTAL		6,000,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

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)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. 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

15a. Please Describe:

. The project partnerships were established and commitment was garnered in multiple meetings throughout October of 2017 with Charlie Morse, Director of Emerald Coast Technical College and The Northwest Florida State College President Dr. Devin Stephenson.

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

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The facility will host initiatives which focus on innovative education programs that result in participants being small business owners upon completion, thus creating sustainable, well paid, skilled jobs and entrepreneurs within the community. Statistics show that the City of Freeport and Walton County as a whole suffer greatly from a lack of industry diversity and an educated skilled workforce.

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

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

This project will plan, design and construct the first phase of the Walton County Research & Education Institute and support facilities and to be located in the Owl's Head Farms Development in Freeport, FL.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Research & Education Institute will become the hub of educational and entrepreneurial energy that will connect Walton County residents with these new opportunities. The Institute will be operated through a public-private partnership between Walton County, educational

partners and the private sector. the first phase will also include greenhouses, an indoor arena and a commissary kitchen/food distribution center to support the institute's agricultural programming and economic development objectives

17c. 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
- 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)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

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

18. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Programs will create new farmers/ranchers and retrain existing on best practice mode, thus increasing production through education.	Success will be measured by participation and by tracking production increases within the county.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Best practice models will decrease harmful effects of runoff from cattle and farming.	Success will be measured by tracking water quality.
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Programs will create new entrepreneurs, enhance local food production and grow supporting industries .	Success will be measured by the amount of jobs created in Walton County.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Agriculture related to ecotourism possibilities offer a more diverse tourist experience beyond beaches.	Success will be measured by tracking visitors to farms and ranches and the institute
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	The programs will create entrepreneurs in sustainable, diverse industries outside of retail and	Success will be measured by tracking long-term profitability of the participants' businesses.

	construction resulting in self sufficiency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	The programs will create entrepreneurs in sustainable, diverse industries outside of retail and construction resulting in self sufficiency.	Success will be measured by tracking long-term profitability of the participants' businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Providing a program where at-risk youth from a rural community can achieve economic self-sufficiency within their existing community will reduce the probability for substance abuse and criminal activities.	Success will be measured by tracking statistics within the county.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Providing a program where at-risk youth from a rural community can achieve economic self-sufficiency within their existing community will reduce the probability for substance abuse and criminal activities.	Success will be measured by tracking statistics within the county.
<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):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 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:	6,000,000	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
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	6,000,000	100%	

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

No