

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: The Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
2. Date of Submission: 11/07/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Stan McClain
Members Copied: Brett Hage, Charlie Stone

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
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? 2018-19
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 (If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)
Input Amounts:					2,000,000	2,000,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? 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 Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
 - 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.

Failure to meet deliverables would result in financial consequences including withholding of funding or reduction in specified payments.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Jason Reynolds
- b. Organization: Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
- c. Email: jreynolds@flhorsepark.com
- d. Phone #: (850)519-7938

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

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

- a. Name: Allison Libby-Schoonover
- b. Firm: Metz, Husband & Daughton
- c. Email: allison.libyschoonover@mhdfirm.com
- d. Phone #: (850)205-9000

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: The Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Marion
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

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 third phase of the Department of Agriculture and Horse Park Authority will continue to improve the infrastructure, increasing the disaster relief footprint and expanding on the variety of events hosted at the park. The FACHP has proven to be a vital site in times of disaster relief, not only as an animal-safe evacuation site, but as a key point of distribution for food, water and supplies.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (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		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Grounds Equipment: Additional equipment could include livestock fencing, livestock panels, park fixtures, generators and ground maintenance equipment.	400,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Updated master plan: As the park increases its roll as a vital part of the disaster relief plan for local and state government, the master plan must be updated to ensure the best use of the facilities.	100,000

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Additional infrastructure could include completion of stalls, RV sites, Internet, and reinforced roads to allow for the use of 18 wheelers, heavy traffic and trailers in times of emergencies.	1,500,000
TOTAL		2,000,000

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 Florida Agricultural Center and Horse Park serves educational, recreational, agricultural, and emergency management needs for the state; consequently, there are letters of support from various industries. The sponsor has a file of these documents.

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:

A 2016-17 study done by DACS showed there were approximately one hundred events the prior year with a total of 78,984 visitors in that year alone. Per that report, for every dollar that the state invests in the Florida Horse Park results in a \$21.83 return on investment via economic activity in the state.

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?

Activities include: educational, recreational, agricultural, and emergency management. Examples include (but are not limited to) equine competitions, youth rodeos, cross country and other athletic events, compost research, historic event reenactments, car shows, RV shows, farm shares, and Future Farmers of America events.

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

Services for citizens include (but are not limited to) recreation, safety, housing, emergency management, and education.

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): Hurricane and Emergency evacuation for humans and livestock.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	The FACHP has events throughout the year promoting physical fitness. Some of these include: high school cross country races, bicycle races, trail running, and duathlons.	Increasing the number of events will promote the benefits of health and fitness throughout the community and state.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	The FACHP is a host for many equine events including several that serve students. Research shows the therapeutic value of horses for people of all ages, particularly those engaged in a sport as a discipline.	Increasing the number of events will promote the health and fitness of the community and event participants.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The FACHP hosts educational events such as the Ocklawaha River Raid Civil War Reenactment which portrays the 1865 skirmish in Marion County.	Historic event reenactments educate citizens and visitors of all ages on the history of Florida and the significance of our state.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	With over 500 acres, the FACHP would like to expand the offerings and events with an educational and	Educate people of all ages on the history and importance of Florida

	agricultural focus.	agriculture.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Increased investment in the FACHP will allow for expanded education uses such as compost reserach and historic reenactment.	By expanding programs in multiple areas, the state leverage the asset that is the FACHP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	The FACHP is an evacuation location for animals and humans, in times of disaster such as hurricanes, the FACHP achieves capacity quickly and there is a wait list.	Countless animal and human lives were protected through the use of the FACHP as a hurricane evacuation shelter.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	In a state of emergency or other disaster, the FACHP has served as a shelter for humans and animals (livestock).	By providing a safe environment for humans and animals, citizens are more likely to follow evacuation orders and prevent risk to themselves and emergency personnel.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Increasing the amount of events at the FACHP will increase the amount of visitors to local businesses.	The DACS report from 2016-17 highlights the return on investment for the FACHP as \$21.83 ROI to every one dollar the state invests.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Increasing the amount of events at the FACHP will increase the amount of visitors to local businesses which would include hotels, restaurants, equine and agriculture retail.	With close to 80,000 visitors annually to the FACHP, the regional tourism will grow with the recent developments in Ocala.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Increased FACHP events mean job opportunities ranging from grooms and ranch-style work to event coordinators and staffing. Retail and food service job opportunities are	An increase in event-based employment.

	expanded as well as off-duty employment for local law enforcement.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<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):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 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:	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	100%	

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

No