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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Marketing and Development
Bureau of State Farmers Markets

**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND
PROMOTION FACILITY REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Please return to:
Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Bureau of General Services
407 S. Calhoun Street, M4
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes; 5H-25.001 F.A.C.
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COUNTY: _____

Project Name (Include project County location if not part of project name):	Name of Applicant Organization (Municipality, County, Fair Association, Local Agency, Authority, Local Government or Public Body):
Project Physical Address:	Organization Mailing Address:

Business Phone Number: _____ **Business FAX Number:** _____

FEID Number: _____

Agent Name and Address:	Agent Telephone Numbers: _____ _____ _____
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Answers entered will be weighted in compliance with F.S. 288.1175.

1. Amount Requested: \$ _____
2. Will the requested funds be used to
- A. Construct a new building/s? YES
- B. Renovate an existing Building/s? YES
- C. Construct or renovate facilities other than buildings? YES
3. Is the municipality in which the facility is located, or the county if the facility is located in an unincorporated area, certified by resolution after a public hearing that the proposed agriculture education and promotion facility serves a public purpose?
- YES NO **If yes, attach copy of formal resolution.**
4. Is the applicant providing, or is the applicant capable of providing, or does the applicant have financial or other commitments to provide more than 40 percent of costs incurred or related to the planning, design, permitting, construction, or renovation of the facility? (The applicant may include the value of the land and any improvements thereon in determining its contribution to the development of the facility. Matching percentage to be calculated by dividing the local contribution by the requested amount, times 100.)
- YES NO **If more than 40%, what is the actual value? _____%**
5. Does financial or other commitment in (question #4) include any State funding of any kind? If yes, what is the source and amount:
- YES NO
- Source:** _____ **Amount:** \$ _____
6. Does the applicant have a local match for the project funding? YES NO
- If yes, show amount of the local match \$ _____ (Attach additional pages)**
7. Is the location of the facility in a Brownfield site as defined in section 376.79 (4), F.S., a rural enterprise zone as defined in section 290.004 (5), F.S., an agriculturally depressed area as defined in section 570.74 (1), F.S., a redevelopment area established pursuant to section 373.461(5)(g), F.S., or a county that has lost agricultural land to environmental restoration projects?
- YES NO
- If yes, please attach a copy of the applicable documentation.**
8. Will there be a net increase as a result of this request, of total available exhibition, arena, or civic center space within the jurisdictional limits of the local government in which the facility is to be located?
- YES NO
- If yes, how much is the increase? _____ (Attach additional pages)**
9. Will your facility serve more than 25,000 visitors annually?
- YES NO
- If yes, summarize visitor totals by event. (Attach additional pages)**

10. Does the applicant historically promote agriculture and educate the public about agriculture, including, without limitation, awards, premium, scholarships, auctions, and other such activities?

YES NO

If yes, provide historical information. (Attach additional pages)

11. Identify the nearest Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) facility to the project facility and the distance between the facilities.

12. Indicate the highest projection on paid attendance that will be attracted by the agriculture education and promotion facility to be funded and identify the projected economic impact on the local community. (Attach additional pages)

13. Does the applicant have a project business plan? YES NO

If yes, attach plan.

14. Provide project schedule:

(Attach additional pages)

15. Are photographs of existing facilities attached? YES NO

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is accurate within my knowledge and is in keeping with the requirements for the evaluation and prioritization of budget requests for Agriculture Education and Promotion facility as defined in section 288.1175, Florida Statutes.

Information Submitted By:

Signature

Print Name

Title

Applications for funding must be submitted to and date stamped by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by the close of business on October 1 of each year in order to be evaluated for inclusion in the department’s budget request. The applicant must be a unit of local government (as defined in s. 218.369), or a fair association (as defined in 616.001(11)), which is responsible for the planning, designing, permitting, constructing, renovating, managing, and operating of the Agriculture Education and Promotion facility or holds title to the property on which such facility is to be developed and located.

The information to be supplied herein is required for use by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to evaluate and prioritize budget requests. Funding requested herein is to be used for an Agriculture Education and Promotion facility including exhibition halls, arenas, civic centers, exposition centers, or other capital projects or facilities which can be used for exhibitions, demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events, and other purposes that promote agriculture, horticulture, livestock, equestrian, and other resources of the state and educate the residents as to these resources. Funding provided pursuant to this application may be used for the purpose of paying for the planning, designing, permitting, constructing, or renovating of an Agriculture Education and Promotion facility or to pay or pledge for the payment of debt service on, or to fund debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to, bonds issued for the planning, designing, permitting, constructing, or renovating of such facility or for the reimbursement of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.