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Division of Marketing and Development

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

Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes; 5H-25.001, Florida Administrative Code
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Please return to:
Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Bureau of General Services
407 S. Calhoun Street, M4
Tallahassee, FL 32399

COUNTY: _____

Project Name (include project county location if not part of the project name):	Name of Applicant Organization (municipality, county, fair association, local agency, authority, local government, or public body):
Project Physical Address:	Applicant's Mailing Address:
Applicant's Phone Number:	Applicant's Federal ID Number:
Agent Name, Title, Address, Phone Number(s), and Email Address:	Has Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility grant funding been previously awarded for this project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If the answer is "Yes", provide contract numbers. _____

Section 1 – Applicants must be able to answer Yes to each of the following questions.

1) Is the applicant a unit of local government as defined in s. 218.369, Florida Statute (F.S.), or a fair association as defined in s. 616.001(11), F.S., which is responsible for the planning, design, permitting, construction, renovation, management, and operation of the agriculture education and promotion facility or holds title to the property on which such facility is to be developed? Applicants which do not directly own the property for which the project is proposed, must include any lease, documentation of title or control of the facility. *Refer to s. 288.1175(4)(a), F.S.*

Yes No

2) Can the applicant provide projections, which demonstrate the agriculture education and promotion facility will serve more than 25,000 visitors annually? Attach an annual list of events and the number of anticipated visitors for each event. *Refer to s. 288.1175(4)(b), F.S.*

Yes No

3) Has the municipality in which the facility is located, or the county if the facility is located an unincorporated area, certified by resolution or ordinance after a public hearing that the proposed agriculture education and promotion facility serves a public purpose? Attach a copy of the resolution or ordinance. *Refer to s. 288.1175(4)(c), F.S.*

Yes No

4) Can the applicant demonstrate that it has provided, is capable of providing, or has financial or other commitments to provide more than 40% of the costs incurred or related to the planning, design, permitting, construction, or renovation of the facility? Documentation must be provided to verify the required more than 40% matching amount. Required documentation could include, as applicable, letters of statement from the match provider accompanying a resolution, adopted budget item, or permit waiver(s), or letters of promise for in-kind services or cash donation(s). The applicant may include the value of the land and any improvements made to the property in determining its contribution to the development of the facility. If the applicant is using the property value as part or all of the matching requirement, the applicant must own the property and provide a copy of a certified appraisal or tax assessors report. If the applicant is using any property improvements as part or all of the matching requirement, this must be documented by providing copies of paid invoices for such improvements. *Refer to s. 288.1175(4)(d), F.S.*

Yes No

Section 2 – Answers entered will be weighted in compliance with Section 288.1175(5) F.S. and used to competitively rank certified project applications. In case of ties from applying the following criteria, the tied applications will be listed in alphabetical order.

1) The requested funds will be used to:

Construct a new facility.

Renovate an existing facility.

Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(a), F.S.

2) Amount Requested _____

Total Amount of Match _____

Match Percentage _____

Match must equal more than 40% of the requested amount. To calculate the match percentage, divide the match amount by the requested amount, then multiply by 100. *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(b), F.S.*

3) Is the location of the facility in a brownfield site as defined in s. 376.79(4), F.S., a rural enterprise zone as defined in s. 290.004(5), F.S., an agriculturally depressed area as defined in s. 570.74(1), F.S., or a county that has lost agricultural land to environmental restoration projects? If yes, attach copies of applicable supporting documentation. *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(c), F.S.*

Yes No

4) Will there be a net increase, as a result of the facility, 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? *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(d), F.S.*

Yes No

If yes, provide the percentage of increase of total exhibition, arena, or civic center space. _____%

5) What is the historic record of the applicant in promoting agriculture and educating the public about agriculture, including, without limitation, awards, premiums, scholarships, auctions, and other such activities? History will be based on archival documentation. Archival documentation includes, but is not limited to charters, advertisements, brochures, awards, or other relevant documentation. Attach additional pages as necessary including copies of archival documentation. *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(e), F.S.*

6) Indicate the highest projection on paid attendance attracted by the agriculture education and promotion facility to be funded and identify the projected economic impact on the local community. Paid attendance is the projected number of event tickets sold. Attach additional pages as necessary. *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(f), F.S.*

7) Identify the nearest Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) facility to the project facility and the distance between the facilities. Submit distance in feet if less than one mile and in miles if more than one mile, rounding to the nearest tenth of a mile. *Refer to s. 288.1175(5)(g), F.S.*

Section 3 – Project Description

Submit a detailed description of the project, a tentative project schedule, conceptual drawings if available, photos of the existing facilities, and, if applicable, the project’s business plan.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

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 facilities as defined in section 288.1175, Florida Statutes.

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date

Applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted by October 1 of each year.

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, design, permitting, construction, or renovation 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 issues for the planning, design, permitting, construction, or renovation of such facility or for the reimbursements of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issues for such purposes.