



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2113

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This project constructs a new +/- 7,000 SF fire station consisting of, but not limited to, engine bays, bunk rooms, common areas, office space, storage areas, parking area, a storm-water retention area, and a generator. The objective is to increase safety in the Horseshoe Beach Area and for the Public Safety Department Staff by creating new emergency facilities. This project will build a hardened facility to provide better accommodations for emergency personnel to work, rest and recover from the stressful and strenuous activity of their work. It will house the necessary equipment and vehicles, bunk rooms, common areas, and offices to outfit the workers. The new station will provide necessary emergency support for residents to protect their homes and businesses during a state of emergency. The closest Dixie County emergency service station is in Cross City, which is about 1/2-hour away.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,124,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,124,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,124,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,124,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	0		No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

CARES \$2,355,759.40
 Emergency Services Protection.
 Emergency Services Payroll.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Dixie County Board of County Commissioners.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering (Design), Engineering (Construction), Permitting, Geotechnical investigation, and Surveying as well as the construction of a new +/- 7,000 SF fire station consisting of but not limited to engine bays, bunk rooms, common areas, office space, storage areas, parking area, and storm-water retention area	4,124,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,124,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The goal is to increase safety in the Horseshoe Beach area of Dixie County, by creating a fire station that will house staff and equipment. There is currently no station in this part of the County and during the recent Hurricane Idalia, all emergency responders within the County had to be staged 30 minutes away at the nearest station before, during, and after the storm. This left County residents in this area in great danger if someone needed emergency care due to this catastrophic event.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

These funds will allow the County to have a manned fire station in the Horseshoe Beach area of the county. This station would reduce the response time by no less than 30 minutes in the case of an emergency. During the most recent hurricane Idalia, the county was not able to stage any emergency responders in close proximity to this area which was the most heavily impacted area due to Idalia. This station will supply emergency services to this isolated area of the county including fire and medical services.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The new station will offer emergency services to the citizens in this area which currently has to wait for a response from 30 minutes away. Those services would include both fire and medical emergencies. Multiple hazards were created as a result of Idalia that greatly impacted this area of the County and if a station was constructed to serve this area, it would greatly increase the overall safety by reducing the current response time of emergency services by at least 50%.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The residents of the Horseshoe Beach area in Dixie County, a population of +/- 500 individuals, plus any visitors to the area. Although everyone in Horseshoe Beach was evacuated during the storm, the nearest facility that housed emergency on-call personnel was about 30 minutes away. This new facility would allow emergency personnel to be on-call at a closer facility before, during and after a catastrophic event such as hurricane Idalia.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Increased emergency response times; Reduction of stress among citizens and staff due to efficient inventory management and emergency services during emergency situations.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number