



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1693

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Margate Fire Department, operating from three strategically located stations, delivers vital emergency services within the city and aids neighboring areas like Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, and Funding will be for a 2019 Custom Wheel Coach Type 9, Rescue Transport Vehicle and a 2020 E-One HP78 Aerial. North Lauderdale through Mutual Aid. Enhanced in 2023, our collaboration with 28 Broward County municipalities adopted the "Closest Unit Response," equipping vehicles with GPS-integrated CAD. This improved response times but increased calls. Additionally, the split with Coconut Creek caused a loss of five vehicles, aging our fleet. Repair costs rose to \$394,660.10, with some vehicles failing during emergencies. With these unique repair challenges, we've borrowed vehicles from nearby agencies. We urgently need funding to rejuvenate our fleet and ensure community safety.

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	744,014
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	744,014

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)	744,014	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	744,014	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,488,028	100%

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

Funding as been used/allocated as follows:

- Employee Retention/Economic Impact Pay- \$3,636,286 (Commission Approved)
- Property Improvement Grants- \$2,000,000 (Commission Approved)
- Fire/Police Training and Storage Structure- \$2,500,000 (Planning/Not approved)
- Public Works/Parks Storage Structure- \$2,000,000 (Planning/Not approved)
- Communications Tower/Radio- \$300,000 (Planning/Not approved)
- Contingencies- \$413,652

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.

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	2019 Custom Wheel Coach Type 9, Rescue Transport Vehicle and a 2020 E-One HP78 Aerial	744,014
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		744,014

14. Program Performance

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



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Department call responses have surged due to the County's CUR Agreements & Coconut Creek's decision to end a 20+ yr association with Margate. This caused a deficit in fire apparatus, leading Margate to lose five front-line vehicles, aging our fleet. Repair costs since 2021 hit \$394,660.10, not regular maintenance. Some trucks even broke down during 911 calls. We're seeking funds to address these needs and continue reliable service.

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

Funds will be used directly for fire rescue services to citizens. In 2022, the Margate Fire Dept. responded to 9,149 calls. Of these, rescue calls accounted for 5,748, while fires, accidents, and hazardous calls totaled 410. 100% of the requested funds will go toward the purchase of a custom wheeled coach type 9 rescue transport vehicle and an E-One HP78 aerial truck to better serve the community.

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

Direct services include ALS (Advanced Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support) rescue response. In addition, we provide fire services such as responses to residential structures, vehicles, and commercial fires. Our responsibilities also encompass fire alarm responses, odor calls, and mass casualty incident responses due to active shooters, terror attacks, or natural disasters.

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

The target populations served encompass a broad range of vulnerable and specific groups including the elderly, individuals with mental or physical health challenges, the unemployed, the economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, the homeless, both developmentally and physically disabled persons, drug users (specifically within health services), students across all education levels (from preschool to university), currently or previously incarcerated individuals, drug offenders within the criminal justice system, and victims of crime.

To bolster service outreach and efficiency, partnerships are established with neighboring cities like Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, and North Lauderdale, boasting populations of 133,369, 57,348, and 44,541 respectively. Moreover, Margate actively engages in Mutual Aid agreements on a broader scale, encompassing the entirety of Broward County with a population nearing 2 million, and extends its collaborations statewide.

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

Margate Fire Dept. proudly boasts an ISO Class 1 rating, a distinction held by fewer than 1% of U.S. fire departments, manifesting our unwavering commitment. The ISO rating is determined through a rigorous assessment spanning four critical areas. In this assessment, our fleet's quality significantly influences our score, with apparatus contributing up to 50 points. An aged fleet not only risks our esteemed ISO status but also hampers our community response times, especially for 911 calls. Maintaining a modern, frontline and backup fleet is paramount. It's not just about preserving our ISO rating; it's about ensuring community safety, offering insurance savings to our residents and businesses, and delivering consistent, top-tier service benefits.

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?

Should this agency not use funding as contracted, the penalty will include the reimbursement of allocated funds back to the State.

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



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b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local City Government

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