



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3310

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project includes to demolish the old 1999 facility, plan, design, engineer and construct a new hardened fire rescue station and training facility in Hardee County (County). The training center will accommodate in-house training, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics including special and hazardous material operations trainings in Hardee and surrounding counties; provides the ability to offer fire prevention & safety education to constituents; simulate various disaster scenarios and develop effective strategies for handling them; To ensure the protection of life, health & safety of all citizens, residential/commercial properties, and the agricultural industry.

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	10,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,500,000

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)	10,500,000	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	10,500,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Received: \$5,232,196; Funds used for eligible COVID-19 public health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods., etc.), administration reporting/ equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.).

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

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.

Hardee County is both owner and 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual architectural/engineering preliminary, final design, bidding, permitting administration, project management, engineering during construction and construction services	10,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to ensure the protection of life, health and safety of all citizenry, residential/commercial properties, agricultural industry with the design and construction of a new fire rescue station and training facility that is needed to address growing population and to provide appropriate and efficient emergency fire rescue, EMS, Special and Hazardous Material operations trainings & services. Improved response times; maintain or improve ISO rating.

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

To seek contractual engineering/architectural services for design, engineering during construction, administration, project management, demolition and construction services through the competitive procurement procedures.

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

Direct services to citizens is to have reliable, consistent emergency rescue in a nearby fire station and training facility to ensure proper response to fire emergencies in Hardee County that are essential to effectively and efficiently serve citizens, visitors, travelers, businesses in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Hardee County, which is a financially disadvantaged community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes), citizenry, visitors, tourists, business community and surrounding areas. Greater than 27,000 expected to be served.

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

Outcome is the completion of design, construction and operations of emergency services from Fire Station No. 1; Protection of life, health, safety and property. Improved firefighting, EMS, Special and Hazardous Material operations, disaster preparedness, etc. Tracking of response times, training programs, certifications, public education events, etc. Certification of the project.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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