



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2212

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Steinhatchee project has an estimated cost of \$2M and Taylor County received a budget appropriation FY 23-24 in the amount of \$1M. As a rural, fiscally constrained County who suffered catastrophic damage from Hurricane Idalia, the County does not have funding available to move forward with the project without additional funding assistance. The facility will be a Cat. 5 rated structure and will house Fire Rescue, EMS, and public safety services. The base elevation of the structure will be raised due to Steinhatchee being prone to flooding. Steinhatchee is more than 37 miles from other emergency support services. Having a resilient, facility is critical to the safety and welfare for the citizens in the south end of the County. The facility will provide emergency services to an approximately 400 sq. mile area of the County as well as provide mutual aid to adjacent Dixie Co and the community of Jena. The County also provides mutual aid to Lafayette County.

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 | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,000,000 |

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) | 1,000,000 | 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 | 1,000,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2023-24 | 0 | 1,000,000 | | 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.



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As a rural, fiscally constrained community which suffered catastrophic loss from Hurricane Idalia, the County has no additional funding sources for the project. Taylor County is a designated RAO and REDI community.

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

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

The County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety payroll costs and the purchase of PPE and associated supplies. The American Rescue Plan funds are designated for critically needed stormwater facilities.

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.

Taylor County Board of Commissioners will own, operate, and maintain the facility. The County will be providing the land the facility will be located on.

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: | | |



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| Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering | All funds will be used for the construction of the Steinhatchee Fire Rescue & Public Safety Facility. The County will be providing the land and all project management services. The County received a \$1M appropriation FY 23-24 with the project having a total estimated cost of \$2M. | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,000,000 |

14. Program Performance

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

The goal is to provide a full service emergency response facility in Steinhatchee which will serve the south end of the County as well as those we provide mutual aid to. The building will house Fire Rescue, EMS and serve as a disaster recovery staging area. The structure will be a Cat 5 hurricane rated structure as well as elevated which ensure for emergency support services to be available in all weather events and for the continuity of operations and rapid recovery efforts. Hurricane Idalia has proven that adequate, resilient emergency support facilities and services are absolutely essential for the southern end of of the County as the nearest emergency support services are more than 37 miles away. .

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

The facility will serve as a public safety facility with the primary use being Fire Rescue services. EMS will be co-located in the facility. The site will serve as a disaster recovery staging area.

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

Direct services will include but not be limited to: Fire protection services with reduced emergency response times, EMS services, and disaster recovery services. The new facility will be able to provide emergency service to the community of Steinhatchee as well as the south end of the County which encompasses approximately 400 sq. miles. The facility will also provide emergency services to the adjacent community of Jena in Dixie County. In addition to providing direct services on a daily basis, the new facility will ensure for the continuity of operations in the event of a disaster/weather related event.

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

The target population is the community of Steinhatchee and the south end of the County which encompasses approximately 400 sq. miles. Many of the roads in the south end of the County are unpaved making it more difficult to provide emergency services. The County frequently provides mutual aid to adjacent Dixie County and the community of Jena. More than 10,000 residents will be served by the facility as well as the many visitors and tourists to the area a large portion of the year for recreational fishing, boating , and scalloping. The County also provides mutual aid to Lafayette County .

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

The project will provide a Cat 5 hurricane rated, hardened, resilient structure which will enable Fire Rescue to provide emergency services in all types of weather events, and for the continuity of operations. The elevated base will protect the facility from flooding. EMS will be co-located in the facility which will also provide a disaster recovery staging area. As there will be adequate parking for response vehicles and storage area for equipment and apparatus, emergency response times will be substantially reduced. Equipment and vehicles will have an extended life span with protection from the weather elements.

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?

The County will move forward with the project immediately when sufficient funds are "in hand" for the project due to the critical need for the facility. All deliverable and performance measures will be met as per contract timelines and requirements. The County owns the land where the facility will be located. The County will be providing all project management services.

15. Requester Contact Information



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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
- 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