



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2602

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding request will be used to restore the inadequate and damaged fire station that houses the Town of Ponce de Leon's (Town) fire department. Lasting damages from Hurricanes Michael and Sally, along with the Town's placement along a major tourism corridor, presents an ever-increasing challenge to provide adequate emergency response services, especially during inclement weather, in this Rural Area of Opportunity. This project will correct existing problems and allow for future growth as needed.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,050,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,050,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,050,000	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 2023-2024	4,050,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

The Town of Ponce de Leon (Town) has received ARPA assistance in the amount of \$283,984.00 with \$40,000 being used towards salary expenses for Town utilities' staff. The remainder has been obligated towards ongoing water and wastewater projects/needs. The Town also received CDBG-CV funding for \$950,000 with a matching USDA grant in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be used to convert a former gymnasium into a multipurpose space with an attached clinic space.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

The Town of Ponce de Leon owns and maintains all fire department facilities and equipment.

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 (including any survey, geotechnical, environmental, or CEI) design and construction of restored fire station.	4,050,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,050,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

This is an infrastructure project. The funds will be used for the design and construction of a restored fire station in the Town of Ponce de Leon. This project will ensure the continued provision of emergency response services in the Town.

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

This is an infrastructure project that will not provide direct services to citizens. However, all residents and travelers in or through the Town of Ponce de Leon will benefit from the hardened and continued provision of emergency services.

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

All residents in the Town of Ponce de Leon will benefit from the restoration of the Town's fire station. This will serve a population of ~495 in addition to through tourism traffic.

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

The completion of this project will result in an adequate fire station from which to provide emergency services in and around the Town of Ponce de Leon. This will be measured through the completion of the restoration itself in addition to improvements in emergency response times and capability.

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?

Deliverables and performance measures will be defined in the Department of Financial Services' funding Agreement. Penalties for failure to meet those deliverables or performance measures will also be outlined in the Agreement and should follow state law and FDEP policy regarding infrastructure projects.

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
- University or College



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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