



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3067

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The FWB Recreation Center was opened in 2015 to the public. The \$8.5 million facility was designed to withstand hurricane force winds but does not meet the standards to be used as an Emergency Operations Center. In light of the devastation to Bay County and surrounding areas from Hurricane Michael and the overactive 2020 hurricane season, the City of Fort Walton Beach would like to utilize the FWB Recreation Center as an employee shelter and Emergency Operations Center in case of a disaster.

The current City EOC is located at the Fort Walton Beach Police Department, which was built in 2001. That facility doesn't meet the current standards and also lies within the Category 5 storm surge area. The FWB Recreation Center is built to current codes and lies outside the Category 5 storm surge area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	375,000
Total State Funds Requested	375,000

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)	375,000	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	375,000	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.



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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.

\$982,435.00 in wages for police and fire departments were submitted for Covid-19 to the county. No ARPA funds have been expended to date.

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)?

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.

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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	Construction costs to complete the hardening of the FWB Recreation Center to be utilized as the city's Emergency Operations Center as recommended by an Architectural Evaluation completed in FY 2019-20 by the City of Fort Walton Beach.	375,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		375,000

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?

The city will be able to provide disaster relief immediately following a hurricane or other natural or man-made disaster due to housing all essential personnel on site. All Incident Command System (ICS) operations would be conducted from this facility and would serve as the Command Post for all pre- and post-disaster activities.

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

The citizens would benefit from the immediate response times provided by the city's essential personnel before, during, and after a disaster, especially first responders and utility workers.

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

Funding will allow the city to better serve all 21,000 citizens before, during, and after disaster situations.

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

Protection of the general public from harm: The upgraded facility will serve as the City's Emergency Operations Center in disaster situations in order to protect and/or rescue citizens during and after a natural disaster. It also provides a safe facility to house Emergency Personnel that will serve city residents in disaster 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?

Revocation or repayment of funding

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