



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3071

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Designing and constructing a new storm-rated, hardened fire station and obtaining a new fire ladder truck in and for the City of LaBelle (City). The funds will invest in the health and safety of LaBelle's citizens and improve emergency response time by creating an efficient workspace and obtaining a fire ladder truck for rapid response, ventilation, extinguish and rescue operations in the fire service. The proposed project will also create a safe space for emergency response personnel to work from in the event of natural disaster.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	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 2023-2024	6,000,000	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 City of LaBelle (City) received \$2,614,957 in ARPA funds which were used to update the City's drinking water facility as well as the wastewater facility.

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?

10/31/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2026

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.

City of LaBelle - Local Government - Mayor Julie Wilkins.

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	Fire ladder truck.	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and construction of new storm-rated/hardened fire station.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Designing and constructing a new storm-rated, hardened fire station for the City of LaBelle. The project will include a new fire station rated to withstand hurricanes and will also include a fire ladder truck. The proposed project is an investment in the safety and health of LaBelle's community and those who are passing through. A newly constructed fire station and fire ladder truck will improve emergency response times.

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



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The funds will invest in the health and safety of LaBelle's citizens and improve emergency response time by creating an efficient work space and obtaining a fire ladder truck for rapid response, ventilation, extinguish and rescue operations in the fire service. The proposed project will also create a safe space for emergency response personnel to work from in the event of natural disaster.

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

The citizens of LaBelle will directly benefit from the proposed project as it will create improved emergency response times.

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

Residential and commercial citizens of the City of LaBelle with a population of 5,966 during the last U.S. Census. Approximately 6,000 people from the unincorporated areas of Hendry County will also benefit from a new storm-rated, hardened fire station and fire ladder truck, to bring the total served to 12,000 people.

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

The proposed project will design and construct a new storm-rated/hardened fire station and obtain a new fire ladder truck. Construction of a new station will create a more efficient work environment for emergency personnel to lessen emergency response time. A new fire ladder truck will create rapid response, ventilation, extinguish and rescue operations in the fire service.

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?

Failure to lower the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating will result in an increase in fire risk and increased insurance costs for residential and commercial citizens. The ISO Rating is based off 60% water department, 20% fire department, 20% 911 call service.

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
- Other (please specify)



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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