



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2312

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Restoration of the City of Wewahitchka's (City) fire station following its destruction from Hurricane Michael and subsequent breach from the hired contractor and surety. The fire station construction reached only 50% completion and has been halted for over one year due to the failed building foundation and the City is now in protracted litigation with the surety and contractor. The project was originally funded through FEMA and the City's second extension of time expires in October. The City must proceed with demolition and reconstruction but will not feasibly reach completion prior to the expiration of the federal funding deadlines.

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

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)	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 2023-2024	1,000,000	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.

American Rescue Plan Act \$1,068,321.00 revenue losses and public utilities repairs/upgrades

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

n/a

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

n/a

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 Wewahitchka.

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	Completion/repair of volunteer fire department.	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?

Completing a public safety building that will house fire trucks, equipment, and assets that are vital to providing life saving first response

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

Public safety, firefighting services, fire prevention education, first aid, first response activities.



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

Public safety, firefighting, fire prevention education, first aid, first response activities.

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

All City of Wewahitchka and Gulf County residents. City of Wewahitchka - 2,074 Gulf County - 14,363.

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

Provide fire services to Wewahitchka and surrounding areas.

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?

None.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Wewahitchka
b. Municipality and County Gulf

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☐ Local Entity
☐ University or College
☒ Other (please specify) Local Government

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