



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2211

1. **Project Title** Hardening of Fort Walton Beach Recreation Center for EOC Operations

2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer

3. **Date of Request** 01/03/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

The FWB Recreation Center was opened in 2015 to the public. The \$8.5 million facility is designed to withstand hurricane force winds, but it 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, 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 also does not meet the current EOC standards and it also lies within the Category 5 storm surge area. The FWB Recreation Center is built to current building codes and lies outside the Category 5 storm surge area.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Executive Office of the Governor

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350000	65.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	185,000	35 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	535,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
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.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000



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11. 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 manmade disaster by housing all essential personnel on site.

- 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 public from harm: The upgraded facility will serve as an 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 service 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 in the contract?

Revocation or repayment of funding.



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12. **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 Fort Walton Beach.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.