



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1434

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding request is for the acquisition of a replacement ladder truck to protect and provide safety to the citizens and properties in the City of Quincy, Gadsden County. The current truck is approximately 20 years old and is in need of costly repairs in the sum amount of \$100,000.. In addition, the current equipment/truck can only provide vertical reach to the fire locations and cannot provide the additional horizontal reach that most modern, up-to-date ladder trucks possess. The City's Fire Department can not offensively and defensively fight fires from within and outside effectively. The replacement ladder truck will allow the department to completely and efficiently cover our entire service area, consisting of approximately 45,000 residents, over 1,000 businesses and at least 15,000 households with more effective fire responses and prevention operation. Also, the replacement truck will allow the City to train on high angle rescue and multi-story building evacuations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	755,340
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>755,340</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	755,340	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>755,340</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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Yes

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

Funds were used to cover the monies expended for fire and police employees (public and safety needs) for the period of March 1 - December 2020 and during the active pandemic period. Amount received = \$250,000 - by way of the CARES-COVID-19-Gadsden County. CARES-COVID-19-Gadsden County).

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The replacement ladder truck will be a 4 X 2 chassis and will have a height of 11 ' 4" and a length of 37 ' long. It will have a vertical reach of 75 ' with its attached aerial ladder. The truck will have a water flow capacity of 1,500-gallons a minute and feature a 480-gallon water tank with an additional 20- gallon foam tank used to cool the fire and to coat the fuel preventing oxygen from reaching the fire. This rig also comes with necessary updates and additional storage capability.	735,340
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training costs in order to be proficient in use of device.	20,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>755,340</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The replacement fire truck will be used in rescuing victims and removing life and property from emergency situations and will provide flexibility and a wide range of options to meet the department's needs. The replaced fire truck will provide improved functionality designed to provide choices and options in order to mitigate dangers on the scene. The replaced fire truck with aerials will provide optimize efficiency and will provide ample vertical and horizontal placement versatility. In addition, operational proficiency will be realized. A worn-out fire truck puts everyone at danger. Not only is a poorly maintained apparatus a threat to the community, it's a threat to the firefighters who ride it day in and day out. If a firefighter cannot reach their destination safely and quickly, the chances of a disaster grow higher and higher. It will enhance the City's ability to provide safety and again, the best services to the citizens, both city and county-wide.

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

The replacement ladder truck will allow the City to train on high angle rescue and multi- story building evacuations. The comprehensive aerial training (on-going) will be essential for the Fire Department to ensure operators continually practice and hone their skills. Quincy Fire Department (QFD) will also be monitoring the turnout times, response times, effective response force, gallons of water flowed, etc. In addition, the number of inspections and training hours completed will monitored and maintained. The QFD will conduct consistent reviews of turnout time reports and will address any deficiencies will ensure the department continues to provide excellent service to the community, as well as, reducing the time it takes to respond to calls.



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

The acquisition of a replacement ladder truck will provide better access to taller fires such as fires where buildings measure at over 2-stories tall. It would also include better access for disaster responses. The replacement truck will: be able to set-up in small spaces quicker and with versatility; increase the potential for successful tactical outcomes; develop operational proficiency; and increase the public perception and reputation on safety and public health issues. The 80' ladder will be the only firefighting apparatus of its type in Gadsden County. Currently, the department has mutual aid contracts in place to provide support and assistance to all volunteer departments in the county. The project is needed in order to provide sufficient services to the fastest growing company in the county, Trulieve which employs over 400 employees in the county.

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

The target population is the City of Quincy, estimated population of around 7,915 people. In addition, the service area with up to 45,000 + citizens, 1,000 + businesses and approximately 15,000 + households would directly benefit from this project. The target population also includes major businesses and industries, for example Walmart and Unfi, both combined for over 100 employees. The replacement fire truck would also serve as a county asset, as well, in the case of county-wide emergencies and therefore again providing for the entirety of Gadsden County.

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

Overall, it is the department's mission and its desire is to provide quality services that citizens can expect and depend on. The vehicle will do more than just carry a crew who provides traditional functions at structure fires. For example, the vehicle will support equipment for various rescue scenarios; can assist in medical emergencies in hard-to-reach places, and will provide better lighting on virtually any incident requiring better sight. The methodology will be based on performance measures and, for example, will measure the number of apparatus dispatched to a fire; how effective firefighters were after their arrival on the scene of the incident, and the number of fires kept to the room of origin after arrival of the fire department.

**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?**

There are no anticipated and/or suggested any penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures.

**13. 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.**

Ownership by the City of Quincy, Florida.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

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

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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