



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1695

1. Project Title North Lauderdale Fire/Rescue Training Center

2. Senate Sponsor Perry Thurston

3. Date of Request 02/08/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The City of North Lauderdale is in the development stages of constructing a Fire Training Center for the fire department as well as neighboring city fire & rescue departments within Broward County. In FY 2021, the City of North Lauderdale was graciously appropriated State funding in the amount of \$125,000 to assist in the purchase of the training tower. Escalating costs for the project due to unforeseen, but required, changes in the design and construction related to Florida Building Code/Zoning requirements has resulted in \$600,000 of additional cost to properly fund the remainder of the project. As experienced by all entities, the Fire/Rescue Department is also anticipating budgetary shortfalls due to the current and future impact of the COVID Pandemic.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	125,000		No

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.

Non-Ad Valorem tax revenue which would require an increase to the Fire Assessment rate that the property owners of the City pay

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.

CARES Act funding passed through Broward County to offset unbudgeted cost of PPE and personnel expenses to combat / respond to the Covid-19 pandemic along with residential and business assistance.

11. 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	The development and foundation preparation of the training tower, the construction of the training tower, the ground piping and installation of a fire hydrant for the training tower, roadway development for emergency apparatus access, security fencing as well as construction changes of the tower required by the Florida Building Code and site improvements.	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

This training facility will satisfy the requirements of the FS 69A-37.060 and, Insurance Services Organization (ISO) as an Approved Firefighter Recruit Training Facility. Having a facility that meets these requirements allows the city and surrounding jurisdictions the ability to provide Fire & Emergency Medical training that will improve upon and/or maintain current ISO rating schedules for Fire Suppression & Public Protection. In addition, this will provide training to First Responders and Community CERT teams who can assist in the response to the COVID crisis and other tasks. Lastly, this facility will provide the ability for the city's Fire Explorer youths to train and career track to one day certify to a Florida Level 1 & 2 firefighter certification.

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

Training for all area first responders as it relates to fire/rescue operations. Training will be consistent with all National Standards and will provide a location for surrounding emergency response agencies within Broward to train and work together. This facility will provide training to First Responders and Community CERT teams who can assist in the response to the COVID crisis and other tasks. Lastly, this facility will provide the ability for the city's Fire Explorer youths to train and career track to one day certify to a Florida Level 1 and 2 firefighter certification.

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



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The City will be home to a state of the art training facility enabling firefighters to learn new skills and hone their abilities to provide the best possible medical and emergency fire service to the citizens of North Lauderdale. The City's ISO rating will be increased, thereby, enabling the City's property owners to benefit from reduced homeowner's insurance costs. Lastly, by providing a local, accessible training facility for the City's firefighters, their skills can be passed on to residents that can assist in the preparation and recovery of natural disaster and programs such as stop the bleed, CPR first aid, and COVID related response and medical services. This facility will enable the City to recruit and train new and future personnel.

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

A better trained fire/rescue department will benefit not only all the residents of North Lauderdale, but all individuals who pass through as well as all those who utilize local business, parks and other establishments. Additionally, neighboring Fire Departments will be able to train at this facility and that will benefit their communities as well.

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

Better trained first responders in both fire and medical emergencies, such as Covid response, and the potential for a better insurance ISO rating. Progress will be measured by comparing the amount of training sessions held per employee year to year as well as at the next ISO rating. In addition, a successful Fire Explorer youth program as well as CERT team program will be a great accomplishment and benefit for the community and surrounding communities.

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?

We do not feel there will be any negative issues associated with this project and all expectations will be met 100%.

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.

The owner of the facility is the City of North Lauderdale, so benefits are directly to the City and its residents, business owners, etc.



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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