



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1107

1. Project Title Southwest Ranches Public Safety Land Purchase

2. Senate Sponsor Lauren Book

3. Date of Request 10/04/2021

4. Project/Program Description

To purchase land so the Town of Southwest Ranches can then construct the first West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center to house regional police and fire services during emergencies. The town encourages all requests for space from any state agency desirous of establishing a presence in southwestern Broward County. COVID-19 has required private sector leaders to create new infrastructure to coordinate resources, information, and emergency risk communication to respond to the public health threat.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Division of Emergency Management

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	89%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	11%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	900,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		400,000	2646	Yes

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.

Increase ad valorem taxes.

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.

\$3.9 Million ARPA funds - to be determined.
\$50,000 CARES Act via Broward County - Telework and Sanitization.

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	To purchase land to construct the first West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center that will house regional police and fire services during emergencies. The EOC will strengthen the town's COVID-19 response.	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

12. Program Performance

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

Southwest Broward County has no hardened facilities to provide emergency police, fire, and EMS services that are rated to withstand the impact and effects of a major hurricane or flooding. The purchase of land for the construction of the West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center will provide additional response to all of South Florida in the aftermath of a disaster. It will serve as a regional distribution center for water, tarps, and other essential items after a disaster. The center will protect the Town of Southwest Ranches and mutual aid partners. This will also house the town's large animal rescue unit, which is the only one of its kind in Broward County and serves all of South Florida.

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

Purchase of land in southwestern Broward County for the construction of the West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center.

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

Hurricanes Irma, Katrina, and Wilma caused significant damage to the area. The nearest EOC is several miles away and not within the town's boundaries. The EOC will be capable of surviving damage from hurricane, tornado, and flooding; capable of protecting against chemical and biological agents; and capable of being secured for the duration of a crisis. The current system of providing fire and EMS services from modular trailers is not sufficient to meet the public safety needs of the town's residents.

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

The West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center will house regional police and fire services during emergencies, which will serve all of western Broward County.

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



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be measured?

The goal is to save lives and reduce property damage in ways that are cost-effective and environmentally sound. The town realizes that communities that cannot rely on their own critical infrastructure and services are extremely vulnerable to disasters. Incorporating mitigation measures in the design of the West Broward Regional Emergency Operations Center is crucial for minimizing the disruption of critical operations, enhancing resistance to damage, and having the ability to function without interruption during and in the aftermath of hazard events.

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?

De-obligation of funding.

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 Town of Southwest Ranches will purchase land within the Town of Southwest Ranches.



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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