



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1577

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To fund the engineering design, permitting, and construction of the expansion of the existing Dixie County Emergency Operations Center by adding a 9,700 SF fire station which would include but not be limited to four (4) engine bays, multiple offices, and bunk rooms. Dixie County does not have a 24-hour hospital for emergency care. Citizens rely heavily on trained emergency response for stabilization and most tourists aren't aware there is no hospital when they come to camp in this area. Many of our citizens live over 90 minutes from a 24-hour hospital with an emergency center. This project will allow for manned stations where there are currently none. A fire and EMS assessment was completed to determine the appropriate charges needed to fund the County's fire/rescue stations now and in the future. Over 50 county citizens attended the August 5, 2021, BOCC meeting and overwhelmingly supported the increased assessment from \$40 to \$125 annually allowing the County to afford manned stations

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,741,500
Total State Funds Requested	3,741,500

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)	3,741,500	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 2022-2023	3,741,500	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.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

Dixie County received \$2,936,007 in Cares Act funding. Funding was used for emergency equipment and emergency personnel.

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	This appropriation will fund the engineering design, permitting, and construction of the expansion the existing Dixie County Emergency Operations Center by adding a 9,700 SF fire station which would include but not be limited to four (4) engine bays, multiple offices, and bunk rooms. The project would also include modification of the existing parking lot and stormwater retention area.	3,741,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,741,500

12. Program Performance

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

To add a fire station to our existing EOC that will house fire rescue staff allowing for the delivery of emergency services and reduce response time and it will add space to our existing EOC to increase functionality of the facility. It will increase service levels to our existing community as this location is in a dense population area. This facility will replace two smaller unmanned fire stations. Dixie County does not have a 24-hour hospital for emergency care. Citizens rely heavily on trained emergency response for stabilization and most tourists aren't aware there is no hospital when they come to camp in this area.

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

To seek architectural/engineering design, permitting, bidding, construction project management and construction services to design and construct a permanent fire station to serve and protect all stakeholders including citizens, visitors, and the business community of Dixie County.

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

This permanent station will help to protect the lives, welfare, and property of all stakeholders within Dixie County and surrounding areas by providing excellent service in the event of natural or other disasters through the effective use of current techniques in fire suppression, fire prevention, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials mitigation, emergency medical services, and public education.

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



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All stakeholders including citizenry, visitors, residents, businesses and surrounding areas. United States Census Bureau population estimate for Dixie County is 16,589.

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

Response times will be significantly reduced to stakeholders in Dixie County, thereby increasing survivability, and better overall outcomes for aforementioned stakeholders involved in emergent events. These outcomes will be measured by current Insurance Service Office and National Fire Protection Association 1710 recommendations for response times and manpower. Also the building of a permanent fire station will encourage economical development of this region and provide a sense of security in the business community.

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?

Non-payment of invoices.

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.

Dixie County, Florida is the owner and the entity.



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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