



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2391

1. Project Title Steinhatchee Fire Rescue & Public Safety Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Lorraine Ausley

3. Date of Request 12/08/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The project is the construction of a Category 5 hurricane rated structure which will house Steinhatchee Fire Rescue, EMS, and public safety services. The base elevation of the structure will be elevated due to the Steinhatchee area being prone to flooding. The facility will also serve as a disaster recovery staging area in the event of a disaster, coastal storm event, and flooding. Steinhatchee is more than 37 miles from other emergency support and public safety services and having a resilient, adequate facility for emergency services and first responders in the area is critical for the welfare of the community of Steinhatchee and the south end of the County. The facility will provide emergency services to an approximately 400 sq. mile area in Taylor County as well as mutual aid to adjacent Dixie County.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>

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)	1,400,000	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 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.

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.

Taylor County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety payroll costs and the purchase of PPE and associated supplies. The County will be receiving American Rescue Plan funds and anticipates using those funds for stormwater projects.

#### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funds will be used for the construction of the Fire Rescue, EMS and public safety facility. The County will be providing the land, and all design, engineering, and project management services.	1,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,400,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to provide a full service Emergency Response facility in Steinhatchee which will also serve the south end of the County and counties mutual aid is frequently provided to. The building will house Fire Rescue, EMS, and serve as a disaster recovery staging area. Steinhatchee is more than 37 miles from the nearest emergency support services and having a resilient emergency response center in Steinhatchee is critical to the community and the outlying areas. The structure will be constructed to Category 5 hurricane standards thus ensuring for the continuity of operations.

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

The building will serve as a public safety facility with the primary use being Fire Rescue services. EMS also will be co-located in the facility. The site will also serve as a disaster recovery staging area.

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

Direct services will include: Fire protection services with reduced response times, emergency medical services, and disaster recovery services. The new building will be able to provide the community of Steinhatchee as well as the south end of Taylor County, and the community of Jena in adjacent Dixie County all of the services a public safety facility needs to offer. In addition to providing direct services, the new facility will ensure for the continuity of operations in the event of a disaster and/or a coastal weather event.

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



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The target population is the community of Steinhatchee and the south end of the County which encompasses approximately 400 square miles. Taylor County frequently provides mutual aid to adjacent Dixie County. More than 10,000 residents will be served by the project as well as the many visitors and tourists to the area a large portion of the year for recreational fishing and boating.

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

The project will provide a hardened, resilient structure which will enable Fire Rescue to provide emergency response services in all type of weather events and situations. EMS will be co-located in the facility. The facility will also serve as a disaster recovery staging area. As there will be adequate parking for emergency response vehicles and storage area for equipment and apparatus, it is anticipated emergency response times will be reduced. The structure will be elevated at base level protecting the facility in the event of flooding as Steinhatchee is quite prone to flooding. Equipment and vehicles will have an extended life span with protection from the weather elements.

**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?**

Taylor County is ready to move forward with the project immediately and all deliverables and performance measures will be met as per agency timelines and requirements. The County will be providing all design, engineering, and project management services.

**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.**

Taylor County Board of Commissioners will own, operate and maintain the facility. The Board of Commissioenrs will be providing the land the facility will be located on.



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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