



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2392

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Taylor County is requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$700,000 for the construction of a 4,000 square foot fire station which will serve the north and west ends of the County. This encompasses a land mass of approximately 600 square miles. The current facility is basically a shed with limited space and cannot accommodate storage of NFPA compliant fire apparatus and equipment. There are no restrooms and fire responders park along the roadway as there is no space for parking facilities. The County was awarded \$580,000 FY 2020-2021 (2424A General Appropriations Act, DFS Agreement #FM539-ITF) and due to construction delays related to the pandemic, the costs have risen considerably and there is now a budget shortfall of \$700,000 to construction the facility. As a fiscally constrained ROA and REDI area, the County does not have the additional funding required to construct the facility. Without assistance, the County will not be able to move forward.

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	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	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	700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	580,000	2424A	No

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.

As a fiscally constrained County there is no additional funding available. The County was awarded \$580,000 FY 2021-22 for the construction of the Station. Due to rising costs and delays related to the pandemic, there is now a serious budget shortfall for the project.



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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.

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
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	All funds will go into the construction of the fire station. Land to construct the facility and planning and design services will be provided by the County.	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

12. Program Performance

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

A 4,000 sq. ft. fire station will be constructed to Category 5 hurricane standards and will accommodate NFPA compliant fire equipment and apparatus. The station will serve the north and west portion of the County which is approximately 600 square miles.

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

The station will be located on a connector road between two main highways and will lessen response times to the north and west ends of Taylor County by approximately 15 minutes. The station will be a hardened structure which will provide a staging area in the event of a disaster. The station will provide storage to protect equipment from the weather and associated elements.

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

Reduced fire response times, and storage for adequate fire and emergency response equipment and vehicles. The structure will be constructed to Category 5 hurricane standards and will serve as an emergency response staging area if needed. There will be adequate parking for personnel who currently park along the roadway at the structure/shed currently used by Fire Rescue.

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



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21,833 Taylor County citizens will be served as well as surrounding counties when so needed. It should be noted the adjacent counties are also fiscally constrained and have limited resources and the counties frequently provide each other assistance.

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

The facility will provide for substantially improved fire rescue services with greatly reduced response times. The facility will have the ability to provide additional emergency services in the event of a disaster. 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 immediately as soon as funding is available. All design and engineering is complete. All bid documents are complete. The County will meet all deliverable and performance measures within contract terms and timelines.

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 Commissioners is 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