



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2539

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

This educational facility/station is the combined effort of Ocean City - Wright Fire Control District and Northwest Florida State College. This project has a vast benefit to the state with components in firefighter technical rescue competencies, higher education potential, and hurricane resilience. The technical rescue component will be state of the art and a regional draw for advanced rescue technicians to train, acquire certification and recertify to remain up to date on the newest techniques. Highly educated fire leadership in our region and state is needed. NWFSC is committed to this goal. Hurricane resilience is also at the center of this project with a CAT 5 hardened facility for our coastal neighbors to weather out a storm. The facility will greatly affect our response capabilities to the 50k citizens we serve by providing 24 hour protection.

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	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</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)	900,000	64%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	36%
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?**

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?**



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No

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

#### 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	0
Other Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	0	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	0	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The requested funding and the matching funding will be used entirely for the construction cost of the fire station and training ground. All other needed services will be funded by the fire district.	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>900,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Improved response time will be seen by the citizens of the Ocean City – Wright Fire Control District by gathering statistical data on response times and emergency incidents. These newly recorded response times and incidents will be analyzed by correlation with historically gathered data from the same geographic response zone. Training capabilities can only improve due to the lack of a training facility in Technical Rescue in the region. The technical rescue component will allow specialized rescue technicians to become certified, train and recertify in all the specialized components.

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

The direct services that will be delivered to the citizens would be a fully staffed fire station with 24-hour fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and technical rescue response capabilities. The confined space, collapse, trench, vehicle/machinery rescue, and high/low angle rope rescue technician professionals can be needed and utilized throughout the region and state. The development of trained specialized rescue technicians will benefit the region and state in ways that will be fully recognized when a hurricane strikes our coast. Having a hardened facility will allow for a quicker response of personnel, equipment, and supplies to an area that has been devastated by a hurricane. This is something our region and state needs in the wake of past hurricanes.

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

Placement of this Fire Station and Training Ground on land donated by NWFSC will greatly reduce the response to fire and medical emergencies to the citizens within the district. Our mutual aid partners will benefit from an improved response, and the state will benefit from improved disaster capabilities. Data available shows the need for a fire station in the desired area. There will be an improved level of response to the community from this location, and a benefit to neighboring jurisdictions with an improved mutual aid response. The Technical Rescue Training Grounds will benefit the citizens of the state.

##### 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 for this project is the citizenship of the State of Florida, the panhandle region of the State of Florida, Okaloosa County in the State of Florida, and the Ocean City Wright Fire Control District (OCWFCD). Our nations first special taxing district was developed by Ben Franklin for fire protection, and our states first special taxing district was developed to build our State Capitol. Our district survives on ad valorem taxation and are superior stewards of taxpayer money. We want the opportunity to make our state, region, and community safer from threats natural and man made.

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

Placement of this Fire Station and Training Ground on land donated by NWFSC will greatly reduce the response to fire and medical emergencies to the citizens within the district. Our mutual aid partners will benefit from an improved response, the state will benefit from improved disaster capabilities. Improved response time will be seen by gathering statistical data on response times and emergency incidents. These newly recorded response times and incidents will be analyzed by correlation with historically gathered data from the same geographic response zone. Training capabilities can only improve due to the lack of a training facility in Technical Rescue in the region.

**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?**

No additional penalties are needed as the standard penalty provisions built into all construction contracts have served the District well over time.

**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.**

This is a partnership between the Ocean City - Wright Fire Control District and Northwest Florida State College (FWFSC) for an educational training facility and fire station. This will be a state funded facility build on state land, and manned and operated by the Ocean City – Wright Fire Control District with all parties benefiting from this partnership. OCWFCD will waive the \$10,000.00 annual fire protection fee with the lease of the land from NWFSC.



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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) Special Taxing District

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