



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2547

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

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this request is to fund the rebuild of Station 102 in the City of Clermont to address the growth of the City in that area and to address the burden of firefighter cancer. The current station no longer meets the needs as it relates to the demand of service due to growth. The addition of another apparatus has caused overcrowding and the design of the current station lacks industry safeguards to protect firefighters from cancer. The incidence of cancer in firefighters is well documented. The new station will be engineered to reduce the frequency and type of carcinogens that firefighters and the community visitors may be exposed to in and around the fire station. The new design will allow for proper air ventilation, zones for the HVAC system, rooms separated from truck exhaust and firefighting gear that may harbor residue from products of combustion and will include space for community paramedicine, including vaccinations.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	71%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	3,500,000	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?



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Yes

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

ARPA – Funds Received: \$9,679,998. We will receive an additional \$9,679,998 later this year. Funds have been committed for Premium Pay (\$600,000) and Rehiring Public Sector Staff (\$3,097,898). We will soon commit \$22,500 for HVAC air purifiers. Plans are currently being made for the remainder of the funds.

CARES – Funds received through the county: \$2,262,990.63. CARES funds were used for Police and Fire Payroll, COVID-19 Equipment and Supplies, Economic Recovery Support, COVID Training and Education, and use of software to assist in managing the pandemic.

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	Site preparation, design, demolition and relocation on current site and temporary site of station during construction.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

For the purpose of this project, the goal is to provide safe housing for Fire/EMS crews responding to and mitigating all hazards in and around the community and to protect the citizens who may visit for community para-medicine services or public fire education.

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

The station will be designed with the latest air handling and exchange designs and attributes that will limit mixing of living space air with truck bay air. Truck exhaust will be scrubbed and the air in the truck bay will not mix with living space air. Additionally, a room for soiled (with products of combustion or potential bio hazards) bunker gear will be provided so that contained gear stays out of the living spaces while decontamination and cleaning takes place.

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

Limiting exposure to carcinogens and bio hazards will keep Fire/EMS crews healthier both in the short run (bio hazards) and long term (cancer). The reduction in exposure and ultimately illnesses will reduce insurance (worker's compensation and employer provided insurance) costs. Reduction of time lost due to illness and ultimately an increase in production employee years on the job. Additionally, the new station design will allow for a community paramedicine component.

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



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Directly, 75 firefighters that may work at this station and the 43,021 citizens of Clermont who may visit or receive care in the station. Indirectly, (43,021) citizens of Clermont who fund the City's employee insurance and Worker's Compensation plan will benefit from cost savings.

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

The agency will maintain or reduce the incidence or work related illness or death due to bio hazard or carcinogen exposure. A reduction in Worker's Compensation loss can be measured by minimizing the number of loss time injuries. The process may also provide a reduction in insurance claims paid out by the City as well as out of pocket financial loss to the employee. These benefits would be measured by a monthly analysis of the number of claims and hours missed due to injury.

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?

Failure to meet the intended performance period or deliverables guidelines would result in the appropriate clawback of funds as required by the State.

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.

All fire department equipment, apparatus and facilities are owned by the City of Clermont and managed by the Clermont City Council.



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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