



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2634

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Forest Service has identified 233 communities at severe risk of wildfire damage as a result of the hurricane. Road access and escape routes are affected and in some cases eliminated due to debris piles. And even areas not directly impacted by wildfires will be affected by smoke and ash. Having adequate fire suppression equipment will allow us to mitigate many of these risks. The funding will allow for the purchase of 12 brush trucks and three Urban Wildland Interface Pumper trucks for Bay County Fire Services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 3,100,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,100,000 |

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) | 3,100,000 | 95% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 170,000 | 5% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | 3,270,000 | 100% |

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?

Yes



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

CARES \$2,836,354.57 for payroll and supplies and ARP \$69,848.73 for payroll.

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 | 12 Brush Trucks 3 Urban Wildland Interface Pumper (Type III Pumper) | 3,100,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,100,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The devastation of Hurricane Michael created a wildfire threat for years to come. Over three million acres of trees were decimated in the counties impacted by the storm. Debris, branches, tree tops, and other vegetative debris pose increased fire threats to our county, not only in rural areas but in the urban-wildland interface. Wildfires that were once quickly contained now are threats to life and property. These funds will provide critical equipment needed to mitigate the wildland threat.

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

With the billions of downed trees and other vegetative debris posing a wildfire threat, it is imperative that Bay County Fire Rescue has the equipment to address this threat. Not only will this benefit rural residents but those forested urban areas.

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

Wildland and urban fire suppression.

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

Full-time population of 175,000 and an annual tourist population of over 16 million. This will also be a regional asset for Hurricane Michael affected counties: Bay, Washington, Holmes, and Jackson Counties.

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

Preservation of life and property during wildfires through reduced response times of service specific response apparatus. Measure Urban Interface/Wildland apparatus response times to communities with the increased fire load from Hurricane Michael.

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?



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N/A

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.

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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