



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2649

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

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Panama City Beach is seeking funding for the construction of a new fire station on the east end of the City limits (Fire Station #32). The new station would be between 6,000 and 8,000 square feet and would replace the current station which is approximately 2,000 square feet. The current station was constructed in 1986 and is woefully inadequate at the present time. The current station only has (2) apparatus bays which are approximately 30 feet deep. The department had to remove the front bumper from a new fire truck in order for it to fit in the apparatus bay. The station has inadequate living quarters for the staffing levels now required and is not well suited to house the growing number of female firefighters being hired. The proposed station would add an additional apparatus bay and would drastically improve the living conditions for the firefighters housed at this station. Additionally, the current station is not storm rated and must be evacuated during hurricanes.

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               | 3,600,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>3,600,000</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)       | 3,600,000        | 80%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 900,000          | 20%         |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b> | <b>4,500,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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?

Yes

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

Panama City Beach received \$150,000 from the CARES Act which reimbursed out-of-pocket expenditures related to the response to the pandemic such as legal time, masks, temperature scanners, etc. Additionally, the City has received public safety grants for the purchase of ATVs, UTVs, and smart boards in the amount of \$115,000. Finally, Panama City Beach has received the first half of the American Infrastructure Funds totalling \$3,151,120 which will likely be spent on utility infrastructure 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                      | The City is seeking funding for the construction of a new fire station on the east end of the City limits (Fire Station #32). The new station would be between 6,000 and 8,000 square feet and would replace the current station which is approximately 2,000 square feet. | 3,600,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>3,600,000</b> |

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The construction of a new, updated fire station will allow for better staffing of personnel and equipment in a more strategic location that may translate to expedited response times to emergency events which occur on the east end of Panama City Beach. The current station is not storm rated and must be evacuated during hurricanes which delays response times on the east end of the City. The new station will be appropriately storm rated and thus functional for fire department personnel during extreme weather events allowing for quicker response in the eastern service area.

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

Panama City will contract with a qualified engineering firm to design a facility which best serves the department's needs. The construction contract will be awarded through a competitive bid process to ensure proper stewardship of public funds.

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

The new fire station will be strategically located on the City's east end to ensure adequate response times to Panama City Beach's growing full-time and tourist populations. Panama City Beach's fire personnel are all EMTs and approximately forty (40) percent are paramedics. The department provides both basic and advance life support services in addition to firefighting services.



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

Panama City's full-time resident population is estimated at 18,783; however, the department serves millions of tourists each year due to the popularity of Panama City Beach as a vacation destination.

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

The expected benefit will be additional space to house fire apparatus and personnel which will be evidenced by the additional equipment and staff which can be placed in the new facility as Panama City Beach continues to grow. A strategic location as well as a storm rated facility will allow the department to maintain appropriate response times and in some instances improve on those times. Response times are tracked and can be reviewed to determine if improved response times result from a more strategic location and the ability to remain housed during a major storm event.

**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?**

The contract language will be standard with respect to liquidated damages, etc. to ensure that the facility is constructed within the projected time frames. Construction will be monitored as it progresses for adherence to state and local building codes.

**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.**

The owner of the facility will be the City of Panama City Beach, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, created on August 12, 1970 by Chapter 70-874 of the Constitution of the State of Florida.



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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