

LFIR # 3270

1. Project Title Washington County Fire Department & Operations Center

2. Senate Sponsor Jay Trumbull

3. Date of Request 01/08/2024

4. Project/Program Description

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners (County) are requesting consideration for appropriations for the Washington County Sunny Hills area Fire Station. This would supply the residents in the Sunny Hills area with adequate and up to date fire protection. This specific Station would be along the SR 77 Corridor and assist with local agencies surrounding Sunny Hills. The County would be able to assist those residents in the southern part of the County as well as major accidents and other disasters along the SR 77 route in either direction. There is expected major growth over the next few years within the Sunny Hills area and a fire station would secure the necessary structure for the County to assist this area. As well as protect a growing region both geographically and in population. Washington is a fiscally constrained county that doesn't otherwise have the funds to address this major need.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,900,000	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 2024-2025	2,900,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

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

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

\$4.4 million was received and used for first responders (EMS, Law Enforcement).

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

🔘 Planning	💽 Design	Construction	🔿 N/A
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b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

No

1/01/2025

6/01/2025

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13. 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	Architecture, design, survey, permitting, and administration services.	400,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction of new fire station.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)2,900,000		

14. Program Performance

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

Provide fire protection services and ems services to the Sunny Hills area and the surrounding regions on the south side of the County. Also support disasters and accidents efforts along the SR 77 Route. Washington County is a fiscally constrained county that doesn't otherwise have the funds to address this major need.

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



The fire station will provide aid to the County in case of an emergency.

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

Currently, there is no fire station and thus the citizens of Sunny Hills would be vulnerable if a fire were to break out. A fire station will greatly decrease the waiting time for a 911 emergency if a fire station were to be placed in this region. Washington County is a fiscally constrained county that doesn't otherwise have the funds to address this major need.

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

General and County residents along the Southern portion of the County.

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

This project will protect the general public from harm by shortening the wait time from 911 in case of an emergency. Washington County is a fiscally constrained county that doesn't otherwise have the funds to address this major need.

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 Auditor General conducts audits for both City and State agencies.

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