



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1900

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Ocoee (City) seeks financial assistance to design and construct a permanent fire station to replace the temporary facility currently serving the northern region of the City. This permanent station will enhance emergency response capabilities, improve public safety, address the demands of a growing community, and ensure optimal firefighter readiness and operational capacity. The proposed design includes living quarters, apparatus bays, and storage areas, accommodating 4-6 firefighters and housing three emergency response apparatus.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	71%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	7,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The City of Ocoee will directly own the new fire station (Station 38) and all land incorporating it.

11. 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.

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12. 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		
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	Architectural/engineering design, permitting, bidding, and construction services to build a permanent fire station to serve and protect all stakeholders of the north region of the City.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of the project is to design and construct a permanent fire station to replace a temporary facility on the north region of the City. The permanent station will improve response times, increase public safety, support growing community needs, and enhance firefighter readiness and capacity. The design construction includes living quarters and apparatus bay/storage areas. The facility will house 4-6 firefighters and 3 apparatus.

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



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The requested appropriations will fund the construction of a new fire station designed to enhance emergency response capabilities and support the growing needs of our community. Once operational, the fire station will provide critical public safety services, including fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials mitigation, and technical rescue operations. The facility will serve as a base for 24/7 staffing of highly trained firefighters and paramedics, ensuring rapid response to emergencies in the surrounding area.

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

In addition to the critical public safety services listed above, the station will host community education programs such as fire safety workshops, CPR training, and disaster preparedness events. These activities and services align with the intended purpose of the funds by improving public safety infrastructure, reducing response times, and promoting a safer, more resilient community.

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

The target population served by this project is all citizens, businesses, and visitors of the City of Ocoee.

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

By having the fire station close to key areas, the overall protection for the community improves. Reduced response times to emergencies (fires, medical incidents, hazardous material incidents), leading to fewer injuries, fatalities, and property damage. The city can track the number of fire incidents, property losses, and casualties to measure effectiveness.

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 in the contract?

Penalties include operational and financial penalties, contractual adjustments, remedial actions, and time-based penalties.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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