



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1021

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Cocoa Beach (City) is seeking funding to relocate and rebuild Fire Station #50 in North Cocoa Beach. The proposed project involves constructing a resilient, minimalistic two-story facility. The ground floor will house three engine bays to accommodate modern firefighting apparatus, while the second floor will include administrative offices, living quarters, and essential support spaces for on-duty personnel. Funding is critical to replace the aging and undersized existing station, which no longer meets current safety standards or operational needs. This investment will significantly improve emergency response times, enhance firefighter safety, and ensure reliable service to the growing North Cocoa Beach community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	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 2026-2027	5,000,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

12/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2027

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

The ongoing maintenance and operation of the new fire station will be funded through the City of Cocoa Beach's General Fund.

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.

The City of Cocoa Beach

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	Requested funds will be used to construct a new, modern fire station to serve the residents and visitors of Cocoa Beach. This investment will enhance emergency response capabilities, improve firefighter safety, and support the growing needs of the community.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Cocoa Beach Fire Station 50 is 63 years old and only 2,600 sq ft, it is significantly undersized for modern fire service operations. Its outdated infrastructure compromises firefighter safety and operational readiness. Living quarters are exposed to engine exhaust, facility lacks a decontamination area and gender-specific rooms. Relocating the station would provide a larger more resilient facility—improve response times—especially for water rescues ensuring it meets today's public safety standards.

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

Relocating and rebuilding the Fire Station will create a more resilient, strategically positioned and operationally efficient facility. The new station will be constructed to modern building standards ensuring it can withstand severe weather events and continue to operate during any natural disasters, an essential capability in a coastal community ultimately saving lives and reducing property damage.

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

It will enable faster emergency medical response, improved fire suppression and rescue operations, and quicker access to the beach for water rescues. The station will also serve as a critical operations center during hurricanes and natural disasters, ensuring uninterrupted service when it's needed most. The station will offer multiple services strengthening public safety and community engagement.

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

This project will serve the more than 11,000 residents of Cocoa Beach, as well as the approximately 2.5 million tourists who visit annually. Additionally, through an automatic aid agreement, the City of Cocoa Beach (City) provides mutual support to neighboring communities, including Cape Canaveral and Merritt Island, further extending the regional impact of this critical infrastructure investment.

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

The success of the new fire station will be measured through improved emergency response times—projected to decrease by up to two minutes. Emergency Response Time Reduction: Response times will be tracked and compared to current benchmarks, with a projected improvement of up to two minutes, as identified by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Public Safety Management.

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?

In addition to the penalties established by the Florida Department of Financial Services, the City proposes the imposition of a performance bond equivalent to the full cost of construction. The City employs a rigorous contractor selection process to ensure only the most qualified and responsible firms are engaged. Furthermore, the City is supported by a skilled legal team prepared to assertively address any disputes related to performance or deliverables.

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



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- ☐ 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:

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



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☐ 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

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.