



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1041

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Melbourne Fire Department's existing training center has exceeded its useful life and no longer meets the standards for firefighter training. This project will replace the facility with a modern, multi-use training complex that includes a modern burn building with live fire training capabilities, technical rescue and confined space training props, classrooms equipped with modern instructional technology, a command training simulator for officer development, and support facilities (restrooms, storage, SCBA refill stations). The training center will be a regional training center that can be used by other agencies. The request is for the land acquisition and design.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	3,000,000	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?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Funding for maintenance and repair is derived from the operating budget for the Fire Department.

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.

City of Melbourne will own the facility.

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	The requested funding and matching funding will be used entirely for the land acquisition and design costs of the Fire Training Facility. All other needed services will be provided by the City of Melbourne.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The Melbourne Fire Department seeks to replace its outdated training center with a modern, multi-functional, regional facility that will meet the needs of today's fire service and future growth. The current training center is over 30 years old and no longer meets safety, instructional, or operational standards. A new facility will provide a state-of-the-art training environment for over 150 sworn personnel; ensure compliance with NFPA standards and ISO requirements for firefighter training; enhance live fire, technical rescue, and EMS training capabilities; and improve safety, readiness, and response capabilities for the City of Melbourne Fire Department as well as local law enforcement partners.

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

This facility will provide an area for firefighter recruit training as well as continuing education and skills maintenance for firefighters and officers. Firefighters will have the ability to participate in live fire, technical rescue, and EMS skills training. The space will also be used by law enforcement partners and may have the potential for community safety programs.

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

With the construction of a new fire training facility firefighters have the ability to become better trained and able to provide a quicker and safer response to fires, accidents, and natural disasters thus reducing loss of life, injury, and property damage. Effective training and training spaces provide the department to maintain NFPA standards as well as current a current ISO Rating of 1 that can lower insurance premiums for residents.

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

Primary beneficiaries are the over 150 sworn personnel of the Melbourne Fire Department. The total public impact can span the approximate 87,000 Melbourne residents and over 600,000 residents of Brevard County who will benefit from better prepared emergency responders.

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

Over 150 firefighters trained annually to maintain current standards and additional certifications. Documented live fire training will increase at least 40% over current baseline. Anticipated reduction in training related injuries that is measured through safety reports. Maintaining current ISO rating (1) compliant training as well as continued recognition of a State of Florida Light Technical Rescue Team.

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?

City of Melbourne contracts include a liquidated damages provision in the amount of \$500 per day. This penalty is enforced when a contractor fails to complete the project within the contract time limits. If requested, this amount can be increased or decreased based upon State of Florida guidelines.

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



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☐ 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

☐ Other (please specify)



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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.