



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1042

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The City of Melbourne (City) requests funding for a new station alerting system for eight fire stations. The Fire Station Alerting System Upgrade will replace outdated station alerting equipment with a modern, network-based solution that reduces emergency response times, increases reliability, and enhances firefighter safety. The new system will provide redundant communication pathways, integrate with regional Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), and deliver both audible and visual alerts for improved situational awareness. The new system will include upgraded speakers, visual strobes, message boards, and station automation for eight fire stations.

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               | 300,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>300,000</b> |

#### 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)       | 300,000        | 50%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal                                              | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local                                                | 300,000        | 50%         |
| Other                                                | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b> | <b>600,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(YYYY-YY) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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?

7/01/2027

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

Funding for maintenance and repair will be budgeted in the Fire Department Operating Budget.

### 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 is the owner of all eight fire stations.

### 12. 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</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                      | Funds will be used for the purchase of Fire Station Alerting System for eight Fire Stations which will include upgraded speakers, visual strobes, message boards, and station automation. | 300,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>300,000</b> |

### 13. Program Performance

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

The Fire Station Alerting System Upgrade will replace outdated alerting infrastructure with a modern, network-based solution to improve emergency response times, enhance firefighter safety, and increase reliability of dispatch notifications. The project will install redundant systems, visual and auditory alerting, and station automation to ensure rapid turnout.

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



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The requested funds will be used to purchase, install, and implement a modern fire station alerting system that integrates with regional dispatch. This project will provide faster and more reliable emergency notifications through upgraded speakers, visual strobes, message boards, and station automation. The system will be configured, tested, and maintained to ensure 99.9% uptime, while firefighters and dispatchers will receive full training to ensure effective use. These activities will reduce emergency response times, improve firefighter safety, and enhance service delivery to the community.

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

This project directly benefits the community by reducing emergency response times, which can make a life-saving difference during fires, medical emergencies, and other critical incidents. Faster and more reliable alerting improves the safety of firefighters, ensuring they are better prepared to serve residents. The upgraded system will enhance protection within the department's jurisdiction, while also strengthening mutual aid support for surrounding communities. By modernizing this essential infrastructure, the project increases public safety, supports regional emergency response, and provides long-term value to taxpayers.

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

The population of Melbourne is approximately 87,000 with over 150,000 during the day. The Fire Department has experienced an increase in call volume and has exercising as many options as it can to reduce response times to emergencies. Fire Station alerting and traffic preemption are the only remaining efforts that can be made in assisting to keep emergency response times down, outside of placing new apparatus on the streets. Response times are critical to the outcomes of the emergencies that are responded to on a daily basis. The quicker the information can be delivered from the dispatch center to the crews working in the fire stations the quicker they can respond to the emergency and take the appropriate actions to mitigate the situation. The department has a current project to employ traffic preemption thus leaving station alerting as the last opportunity to improve response times.

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

Reduction in the average turnout time (dispatch to wheels rolling) by 20-30 seconds per incident as well as total response time measured through CAD data. Achieve 99.9% system uptime through redundant dispatch pathways.

**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
- ☐ No



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☐ 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)

d. First Name  Last Name



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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.*