



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1067

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In the FY 25-26 GAA, \$900,000 was appropriated (SA 2251B) to construct the first hardened fire station in the Town of Southwest Ranches (Town). However, due to inflation, the construction costs have risen significantly. The total project cost was anticipated to be \$7.5 Million but is now \$9.5 Million. Therefore, the Town is requesting an additional \$900,000 from the State to complete this critical project. Funds will be used for design, engineering, site-work, and construction of a new fire station for the Town, which will result in shorter response times, greatly expanding and improving the fire and EMS service to the community with the goal of saving lives and property.

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	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	10%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,700,000	90%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	8,600,000	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		
2025-26	0	900,000	1555	No

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?

05/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/30/2027

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

The Town annually budgets for fire station operations and building maintenance.

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 Town of Southwest Ranches will own and maintain the fire station.

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	Funds will be used for design, engineering, site-work, and construction of a new fire station.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funds will be used for design, engineering, site-work, and construction of a new fire station for the Town, which will replace the Town's only fire station - a modular trailer. Currently, during storms the Town's fire personnel must evacuate the modular trailer station and relocate to an adjacent city's fire station, which is 3.5 miles away and does not have the capacity to accommodate the Town's five firefighters on shift. This project will result in shorter response times, greatly expanding and improving the fire and EMS service to the community.

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



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Southwest Ranches has no hardened facilities to provide emergency fire and EMS services that are rated to withstand the impact and effects of a major hurricane or flooding. The fire station will enhance safety of all citizens and visitors of Southwest Ranches. The station will provide immediate access to emergency services for the population across the thirteen square miles and benefit our mutual aid partners.

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

The services provided will include fire and medical services in the form of emergency response. Additional services provided will include fire prevention education, community risk reduction, emergency management, and training opportunities for firefighters to better serve the citizens.

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

This project will benefit all Town of Southwest Ranches residents, visitors and businesses. It will also benefit motorists traveling along US 27 and Interstate 75 who need emergency services. This department provides mutual aid to the surrounding communities as well.

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

The benefit will be faster response to fires, disasters, and citizens in need of life-saving medical treatment. This will be measured by improved response times to the area. Emergency response times are recorded and will be used as part of the methodology to measure success.

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?

De-obligation of funding.

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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