



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1130

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project aims to develop the Town's first Emergency Operations Command Center, eliminating existing operational gaps in the Town's emergency response plan. The new EOC will improve multi-agency coordination, enabling law enforcement to share intelligence, operational updates, and coordinate emergency responses. The project protects public health and enhances the Town's capacity to restore community lifelines following a disaster. The primary critical lifelines associated with this project include safety and security, energy, and communications.

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

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)	1,000,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,500,000	78%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	4,500,000	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?

09/30/2029

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

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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 facility is owned and maintained by the Town of Cutler Bay.

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	Construction and Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) of the Cutler Bay Emergency Operations Command Center	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Town of Cutler Bay aims to construct its first Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for residents and to house the Sheriff's Department. Currently, emergency operations are relocated to a corporate partner's building, which is unsustainable. Designed to withstand Category 5 storms, the EOC will enhance emergency preparedness, management, and response. It will also support technological needs and include a secondary power source, ensuring best practices in emergency operations.

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



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The Town proposes constructing an approximately 7,000 square foot emergency operations command center. The building will be constructed to meet LEED Gold-Level Certification and withstand a Category 5 Hurricane.

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

The Town's project will protect public health and improve the Town's ability to re-establish community lifelines after a disaster. The primary critical lifelines associated with this project include safety and security, energy, and communications.

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

The project is part of the Town of Cutler Bay's comprehensive approach to emergency management. The Town's population is 43,958 (Census 2022).

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

The expected benefit/outcome is a fully constructed and operational Sheriff Emergency Operation Command Center that fosters public trust. The community will have a dedicated center which will improve the Town's resilience and sustainability. The project's success will be measured using monthly construction schedules and reports from the Contractors, to the Town Council during the building phase. Following construction, all data collected post disaster or crisis events will be utilized to improve upon re-establishing community life lines.

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?

The Town will not be reimbursed for project activities that do not meet the deliverables or performance measures.

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:

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



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- ☐ 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

d. Phone Number



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