



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1388

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The high-water rescue vehicle (HRWV) is used during disasters in high-water flood zones and flooded conditions to assist with citizen evacuations, delivery of supplies, and providing emergency services such as transporting boats, temporary lighting, and communication equipment.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	350,000	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	The funds will be used to purchase a high water rescue vehicle (HWRV) that will be used during disasters in high-water flood zones and flooded conditions.	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be used to purchase a high-water rescue vehicle (HWRV) to be used by the Sarasota Police Department during disaster situations. The HWRV will enhance public safety throughout the City of Sarasota by providing evacuations services to vulnerable citizens, delivering supplies, emergency equipment, and performing disaster assessments.

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



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The HWRV will provide services such as evacuating citizens during an extreme weather event and/or flooding incidents. It can also be used to deliver supplies to residents, business and city locations, along with delivering emergency equipment and assisting city staff with disaster assessments in areas that are not safe for traditional emergency vehicles.

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

While the purchase of the HWRV will not directly provide services to citizens, they can be used to assist citizens during a natural disaster for evacuations and providing needed supplies.

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

It could be used for any of the 57,000 City residents, along with businesses. It could be used to assist surrounding communities such as Longboat Key, Sarasota County and Manatee County, as well, if needed.

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

Benefits provided to the general public would include enhanced public safety by evacuating and transporting citizens from flooded areas, traversing flooded areas to delivery supplies and equipment during flooding and disasters in areas other vehicles cannot travel. Additionally, the HWRV can improve transportation conditions during floods by traveling on roadways other vehicles cannot travel to provided needed services and evacuation services. The measurements can be done through incident report and safety reports issued by the Sarasota Police Department along with police reports filed for each incident, safety reports, and disaster recovery reports. .

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?

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures would include: a) a return of funding and, b) a report explaining why the deliverables or performance measures were not met.

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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