



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1425

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Bradfordville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (BVFRD) is requesting funding to procure a 2,500 gallon/1,250gpm firefighting pumper tanker/tender that will replace a 20 y/o firefighting apparatus used by the BVFRD. The apparatus will provide first response to structural and wild land fires in unincorporated northeast Leon County not serviced by fire hydrants. The BVFRD serves a 110 square mile area of mixed use (urban, suburban, and rural) containing over 12,500 residential structures. This number does not include commercial, government, educational, and agricultural buildings. This unit will also respond to mutual aid requests within and outside Leon County.

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	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</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)	750,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

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
<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	2,500 gallon capacity firefighting pumper tanker/tender with a 1,250 gallon per minute pump from a manufacturer yet to be determined.	750,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The BVFRD will acquire a 2,500-gallon pumper tanker for the purposes of maintaining a mobile strategic water reserve in rural northeastern Leon County where there are no fire hydrants. The funds will be allocated directly to the firefighting apparatus to replace a 20-year-old firefighting tanker that has become expensive to maintain for reliable in daily operation. The frequency and duration the current unit is out of service has put local residents at risk. When in service the safety of unit's steering and braking is of concern when in response mode.

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



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The BVFRD will purchase a 2,500-gallon firefighting pumper tanker/tender to provide emergency structural and wild land fire suppression services to the residents of unincorporated Leon County. Additionally, this apparatus will be utilized to train the responders of the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire and Rescue department as well as new recruits to the fire service. The unit may be dispatched as part of mutual aid to territories within and outside of Leon County.

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

The BVFRD provides first response emergency medical and fire suppression services in northeast Leon County that is mixed urban, suburban, and rural. This firefighting unit (pumper tanker/tender) will primarily serve a rural area of the county where residents are not serviced by a manned fire station or operational fire hydrants. This tanker will prove valuable with fire suppression to an area for which the next nearest pumper tanker/tender is 18.7 miles (25 minutes) away.

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

The BVFRD provides first response emergency medical and fire suppression services in NE Leon County (County) consisting of mixed urban, suburban, and rural. This pumper tanker/tender will primarily serve a rural area of the county where residents are not serviced by a manned fire station or operational fire hydrants. This tanker will prove valuable as immediate target population is unincorporated northeast Leon County consisting of approximately 12,500 residential structures. This number does not include commercial, government, educational, and agricultural structures in the area served. The secondary target will be the broader unincorporated Leon County Florida of 100.55 square miles with a population of 25,373 residents (2015) and 9,857 residences. Finally, by mutual aid request, the apparatus will service residents of neighboring Gadsden County Florida, providing fire suppression to an area for which the next nearest pumper tanker/tender is 18.7 miles (25 minutes) away.

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

The planned expected outcome will be the BVRFD receives a 2,500-gallon tanker capable of pumping 1,250gpm to provide fire suppression and support to the residents of Leon County. The benefit of this apparatus will be immeasurable due to the nature of structural and wildland fire incidents. Its value will be determined in two ways: (1) during fire suppression efforts, water will be readily available through this capable apparatus in areas not serviced by fire hydrants; and (2) insurance ratings may drop for residents due to the type of apparatus stationed near their personal residences. The matrices for which success will be measured is a decrease in the frequency and duration the unit is out of service as compared to the current unit.

**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?**

Failure to deliver a constructed vehicle on time and on budget may result in the BVRFD denying future contracts with the vendor and also reserving the right to find a new vendor to fulfill the vehicle order if required.

**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.*