



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1446

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request will provide the construction of a mutli-purpose building for Lafayette County. The building can also be used as a hurricane shelter. We do not currently have a shelter rated for winds above 120 mph. This shelter will have enough space to house residents, residents with special needs, pets and first responders. It will allow our school to stay open the maximum amount during events. Currently, the school can't resume classes until the shelter closes. The building will be able to withstand 160 mph winds, making the shelter available in any hurricane.

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	9,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,750,000

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)	9,750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	9,750,000	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	1,500,000	2461	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.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Ad Valorem Taxes in Lafayette County

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.

Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners

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	The funds will be spent on the construction of the multi-purpose building.	9,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,750,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funds will be a multi-purpose building. One purpose of the building will be a shelter during hurricanes. Lafayette County does not have a building anywhere in our county capable of housing evacuees during a hurricane with winds in excess of 120 mph.

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

This funding will be used to construct the multi-purpose building.

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



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The direct service will be a multi-purpose building for the people of Lafayette County. The building could serve as a storm shelter during hurricanes. The building could also house first responders during a storm, they will be available to help in recovery efforts as soon as the storm passes.

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

The target population is people in substandard housing, mobile homes and travel trailers. However, it will not be limited to those people. This building will serve 400 people during one event, but many more than that over the life of the building.

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 a building that the people of Lafayette County can use to host large events. The building will be open during storms allowing the general public a place to seek refuge. The outcome will be measured by the number of injuries or deaths during hurricanes.

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?

Deliverables will be 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):

Idalia, Debby and Helene

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)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☒ Yes, Received



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☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Florida Division of Emergency Management

17. Requester Contact Information

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b. Organization Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners
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18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Board of County Commissioners
b. Municipality and County Lafayette

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 Steve **Last Name** Land
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