



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1496

1. Project Title Franklin County - Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Apparatus (Revert and Reappropriate)

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This is a request to revert and reappropriate funds receiving in the FY 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, Specific Appropriation 2245A. Franklin County received \$577,440 (SF 2308) to purchase a Toyne Freightliner top mount commercial fire engine. A purchase order was signed and submitted to Toyne Tactical Fire on July 8, 2025 to purchase the truck. With the delay in building the freightliner, Franklin County will not receive the truck until April 19, 2027. The pumper / tanker that is being built is critical for the safety and fire protection needs of Eastpoint. The truck that is being replaced is the primary main truck and is 20 years old.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	577,440
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	577,440

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)	577,440	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	577,440	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	577,440	2245A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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?

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	Toyne Freightliner top mount, commercial fire engine, 304 L marine grade stainless steel, 1250 GPM pump and 1500 gallon water tank with integrated CAFS, and booster reel with the Toyne full 2 year warranty. Rural large capacity water tank pumper high side low side with easily accessible rescue style ladders.	577,440
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)		577,440

13. Program Performance

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



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This is a request to revert and reappropriate funds received in the FY25-26 GAA to the FY 26-27 fiscal year. The specific purpose and goal that will be achieved with these funds is to replace the primary truck that is currently in service. The apparatus is critical for the safety and fire protection of the community. The primary truck currently in use is over 20 years old and is at the end of its service.

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

We have constant contact with the State Fire Marshall's Office regarding the agreement in place for these funds. Currently, our agreement with the Department of Financial Services ends on June 30, 2026. The purpose of this request is to extend the use of these funds. The truck was ordered on July 8, 2025 with a delivery date of April 19, 2027.

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

The truck will help the Eastpoint VFD to respond and act effectively to any emergency situations in the immediate area and surrounding communities, including structure fires and forest fires which is increasing due to the fuel load left behind from Hurricane Michael.

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

The truck will be housed at the Eastpoint Fire Department. The targeted population will be the entire county to respond and support all the VFDs in Franklin County and the surrounding counties. The current population of Franklin County is 13,330 residents with an additional 20,000 plus visiting the area every year.

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

Increased fire protection and protection of life and property. This will be measured by the decrease in fire loss and increased public safety. An additional benefit is that a 20 plus year old end of service truck will be replaced.

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 county will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable 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#:



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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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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