



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1627

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In addition to Hurricane Ian, Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused an estimated \$1 billion in Sarasota and Manatee counties. The impact of the damage, and long-term recovery, proved to be especially consequential for Sarasota which has experienced a 20% population increase in the last ten years (2013-2023). State funding would match a \$7.5M federal grant to establish a building institute in Sarasota County to meet the needs of the community's long-term hurricane recovery, the demands of the area's growing population, and provide education, training and specialized trade certifications for a projected minimum of 1,700 students enrolled and 1,600 job placements by 2036. The result will be increased job opportunities, economic revitalization and a strong workforce of skilled builders in Sarasota County and surrounding areas.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	50%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>2,000,000</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		
2025-26	0	200,000	2112A	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.



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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?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2026

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through the federal grant and additional funding from local government, donors, foundations and partners that align with the institute's mission and goals.

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 Building Industry Institute, a 501(c)(3) organization, will own the facility and directly receive fixed capital outlay funding.

### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Acquisition of property, and planning, design, architectural, permitting, construction and renovation costs of the Building Industry Institute interior, exterior, and surrounding property, including HVAC, materials, furniture, equipment, a parking lot and appropriate signage.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Through a combination of classroom instruction and on-site construction projects, the Institute will provide young participants with the tools they need to succeed. Beginning with a target age range for post-high school (18 - 24), BII's curriculum will expand to include classes for high school students, incorporating ages 16 - 24. Students who complete the pre-apprenticeship and full-apprenticeship programs will receive applicable certification through the Home Builders Institute.

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

The Building Industry Institute will provide career training in the in-demand construction trades. Qualified instructors from respective trades will be hired and give students the benefit of their practical experience as well as an understanding of the theoretical basis for their various job applications. Through classroom instruction, hands-on construction training, skill development, and specialized certification construction trades BII will prepare students to contribute to the well-being and further development of the Sarasota County community.

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

The Building Industry Institute will provide classroom instruction and hands-on construction training for students, focusing on skill development and certification in construction trades. The program aims to address the growing demand for skilled workers in Sarasota County, offering pathways to employment through pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Additionally, the BII will contribute to economic revitalization, particularly in the aftermath of hurricanes, by rebuilding the local construction workforce and fostering long-term community resilience.

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

The Building Industry Institute anticipates serving 420 students during the initial 3 years of this program with a goal of sustaining enrollment of 300 students per year. It is projected that by the end of 2036, at a minimum 1,700+ students will have been enrolled, with 1,600+ job placements. At least 70% of student enrolled will be from the Low-to-Moderate Income demographic.

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

The overall outcome of the program will be to serve as a catalyst for education, skills development, and workforce development in the construction sector, providing career training in the in-demand construction trades and ultimately contributing to economic growth and community development in Sarasota County and surrounding areas. Success will be measured by tracking the employment outcomes for students who complete the program. The Building Industry Institute will record the job placement rate and the percentage of graduates who secure jobs in their chosen trade, as well as program retention and completion rates.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?** ☐ No ☒ Yes

**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):**

Long-term recovery associated with Hurricane Ian (2022)

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied



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- ☐ 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
- ☒ 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



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☐ 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

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*