



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1785

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Miami-Dade Fire (MDFR) will purchase an All Hazards Emergency Support Trailer to effectively support field operations with modern and reliable technology that enables communications in emergency situations. The trailer will replace the department's existing 20-year-old tactical communications trailer that has obsolete and inoperable communications systems that do not meet the department's operational needs. Acquiring a new trailer will enable the department to operate safely, efficiently, and flexibly, enhancing its ability to respond to diverse incidents throughout the county and the state.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</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)	300,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>600,000</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	Funds will be used to purchase and outfit an all hazards emergency support trailer that can be used at natural and man-made disasters at the local, regional, and state levels. Without this dedicated support trailer, MDFR's ability to provide sustained technical, equipment, and communication support during large-scale emergencies is very limited.	300,000
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>300,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this project is to strengthen MDRF's ability to respond to both natural and man-made disasters that directly impact the safety and well-being of the community at the local, regional, and state levels. The All Hazards Emergency Support trailer will contain mission-ready computer systems to ensure real-time communication, data management, and technical support in the field. Additional equipment on the trailer will enable the Tactical Communications Bureau to diagnose and repair crucial communications systems such as televisions, satellites, radios, and other vital communication systems on-site, as well as emergency response lighting and related support systems necessary for response.

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

The funds will be used to purchase and outfit an all hazards emergency support trailer that will enable interagency collaboration during large-scale incidents. Currently, MDRF has an outdated 20-year old communications trailer, where the original communications components are obsolete and incompatible with current systems. The new trailer will support real-time communications, data management, and field-based technical support while housing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a diagnostics station for on-site testing, maintenance, and SCBA repair. This trailer will enable the department to support multi-agency interoperable communications with partner agencies for coordinated response during major planned and unplanned events such as the Surfside Building Collapse.

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

After implementing this project, citizens will benefit from improved interagency communication and response to threats and emergencies and will receive an overall more cohesive approach to emergency operations as a result of reliable and consistent communications systems. Aside from mission-ready computer systems, the all hazards emergency support trailer will also provide field-based technical support where infrastructure is compromised or unavailable. The capabilities of this support trailer will enhance MDRF's response to a wide range of disaster scenarios that will impact citizens in the county including man-made disasters, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, pandemics, industrial accidents, and other all-hazard incidents.

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

This project will benefit the general population in Miami-Dade County of more than 2 million people as it will improve overall emergency response throughout the region to navigate a wide range of complex threats. This trailer will enable real-time data management and technical support. By improving interoperability and on-site technical capabilities, this trailer will ensure MDRF and its regional, state, and federal partners can easily communicate with each other and respond swiftly and effectively to large-scale emergencies, ultimately safeguarding first responders and the public.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to improve interoperability amongst South Florida First Responder agencies. The trailer will be equipped with technology and communications equipment to support essential interoperable communication systems including radios, satellite links, and emergency lighting during field operations. It can be deployed to support Specialized Response Teams, neighboring fire departments, and mutual aid partners for large-scale emergencies, making it a regional asset for multi-agency response. The improved interoperability can be measured by the coordination and response provided when a large scale event occurs and requires multiple agencies for a unified command.

**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 meet deliverables will result in non-payment.

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

**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)



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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:

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)



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☐ 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

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.*