



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1804

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The construction of Fire Station 17 will enhance public safety and emergency response in an underserved, economically disadvantaged community by reducing response times, improving fire suppression, and expanding emergency medical services. It will also serve as a community resource, offering fire prevention education, emergency preparedness programs, and a 160-person community room, maximizing resources while strengthening public safety and economic growth.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	28,500,000	95%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	30,000,000	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		

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

The City of Tallahassee will use the Fire Services Fund to fund the fire station's ongoing operations and maintenance.

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 City of Tallahassee will own the facility.

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 funding will be used to construct the new fire station, which will include fire responders, fire prevention teams, and a 160-person community room.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be used to construct a new fire station in an underserved community that experiences over 5,000 emergency calls annually. This investment will improve response times, enhance fire suppression and medical services, and provide fire prevention education and community engagement opportunities, ensuring greater public safety and support for residents and businesses.

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



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The funds will support the construction of a new fire station that will provide fire suppression, emergency medical response, fire prevention education, and community engagement services. This facility will house fire responders, prevention teams, and a 160-person community room, ensuring faster response times, improved public safety, and enhanced emergency preparedness for an underserved area.

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

The funding will provide critical fire suppression, emergency medical response, and fire prevention education to residents in an underserved area with over 5,000 emergency calls annually. The new fire station will ensure faster response times, improved life-saving capabilities, and enhanced public safety programs while serving as a community resource for education and engagement.

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

The target population includes underserved and economically disadvantaged residents and the general population in Tallahassee's Southside, ensuring equitable access to fire suppression, emergency medical response, and public safety resources. The new fire station will serve thousands of residents, businesses, and visitors, addressing over 5,000 emergency calls annually and enhancing community-wide safety and resilience.

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

The new fire station will improve response times, fire suppression, and medical services in an underserved area with over 5,000 emergency calls annually, while also lowering insurance costs, attracting businesses, and supporting fire prevention education. Success will be measured through response time data, emergency call volumes, fire damage reduction, and community engagement metrics.

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 requested funding would be returned to the appropriate state agency.

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#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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