



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1955

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This hub will serve as a vital resource for residents seeking opportunity, stability, and support in a rapidly changing world. It will host year-round programming in workforce development, small business growth, and environmental education. By bringing these programs under one roof, the Hub will strengthen the region's social, economic and environmental capacity, providing a model of resilience for other communities across Florida. The facility will also serve as an emergency resource center during times of crisis, ensuring residents can access information and essential support. Funds will be used for property acquisition, renovation, and operational setup, creating a vibrant community center that encourages collaboration, innovation, and economic advancement.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	10%
Other	400,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,000,000	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.



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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?

11/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2027

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

The Resilience Hub's ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) will be supported through a combination of sustainable and recurring funding sources. The specific funding mix will be tailored to the Hub's ownership and management structure—whether city-operated, nonprofit-led, or established through a public-private partnership. This approach will ensure long-term financial sustainability and reliable service to the community.

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.

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12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversight, coordination, reporting, and compliance.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office setup, program materials, community outreach, and transportation.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office setup, program materials, community outreach, and transportation.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Workforce training providers, environmental educators, and community engagement specialists.	75,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Acquisition, renovation, and buildout of the Community Resilience Hub property.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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To establish the first Community Resilience Hub in Central Florida, a permanent center focused on: Economic advancement through workforce training, small business support, and job readiness programs. Social well-being is achieved by providing a space for families and individuals to access year-round resources, workshops, and emergency preparedness support. The funds will help create a sustainable hub that strengthens Central Florida's capacity to thrive.

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

The Resilience Hub will provide year-round community resilience programming and serve as a critical operations center during emergencies. Activities will include preparedness education, workforce training, sustainability workshops, and community engagement events focused on energy efficiency, emergency response, and climate adaptation. During normal operations, the Hub will function as a community gathering space offering access to digital resources, cooling and heating centers, and public Wi-Fi. During emergencies, it will activate as a coordination site providing shelter, power, communications, food and water distribution, and recovery support. Funds will support infrastructure improvements, staffing, maintenance, and program delivery to ensure reliable operations before, during, and after disasters.

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

Emergency Support Services: Safe shelter, power access (solar + battery backup), charging stations, food, water, and medical assistance during disasters.
Community Preparedness and Training: Workshops on emergency readiness, first aid, and disaster response.
Resilience and Sustainability Programs: Education on energy conservation, climate adaptation, and household resilience.
Social and Digital Services: Public internet access, meeting space for community organizations, and year-round wellness and resource events.
These services will enhance community preparedness, reduce vulnerability to climate and disaster risks, and strengthen neighborhood connections.

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

The primary target population includes residents in vulnerable and underserved communities who are disproportionately affected by extreme weather events, power outages, and public health emergencies. This includes low-income families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those lacking access to reliable energy or emergency resources.
Depending on the hub's capacity and service area, the project is expected to directly serve approximately 2,000–5,000 residents annually through regular programs and outreach, and up to 10,000 or more individuals during emergency activations or disaster response events.

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

The Resilience Hub will strengthen community preparedness, improve response capacity during emergencies, and enhance long-term sustainability for vulnerable populations. Expected outcomes include increased access to safe shelter and essential services during disasters, greater public awareness of emergency preparedness, and measurable reductions in community vulnerability.

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?

Withholding of a portion of funds (e.g., 10–15%) until performance metrics and reporting requirements are satisfactorily met.
Reduction of future funding allocations for failure to meet agreed-upon service or participation targets.
Mandatory corrective action plans with defined timelines to address deficiencies in performance.
Suspension or termination of the agreement for repeated or significant noncompliance.

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)



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- ☐ 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:

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



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- ☐ 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

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.