



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1973

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Gainesville Fire and Rescue seek replacement of a re-purposed reserve apparatus deployed into front-line service following the annexation of the SW portion of the City of Gainesville, which resulted in a substantial increase in call volume. The Fire Rescue covers 62.4 Square miles with regional specialty deployment to 11 counties. This request will ensure that it has a reliable, NFPA-compliant frontline engine, restore reserve fleet capacity, and reduce long-term maintenance costs associated with running reserve apparatus as front-line units.

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	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	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	850,000	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)?

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	Fire apparatus engine replacement	850,000
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)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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

To replace a re-purposed reserve apparatus deployed into front-line service following the annexation of the SW portion of the city, which resulted in a substantial increase in call volume. The Fire Rescue covers 62.4 Square miles with regional specialty deployment to 11 counties. This request will ensure that it has a reliable, NFPA-compliant frontline engine, restore reserve fleet capacity, and reduce long-term maintenance costs associated with running reserve apparatus as front-line units.

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



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The requested funds will replace a fire apparatus that will be used to directly protect citizens of the City of Gainesville and the surrounding counties. Provision of fire suppression, advanced life support emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue services to approximately 145,000 residents, the University of Florida campus, and thousands of daily visitors.

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

Citizens will be better protected from fire and other emergencies by having reliable fire apparatuses which are critical to sustaining the afore-mentioned services. However, a significant portion of our Fire Rescue's fleet has aged well beyond industry standards, resulting in higher maintenance costs, safety risks, and reduced operational reliability.

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

General population

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

Benefits: Hardened/preserved fire protection and rescue services improve health outcomes in emergency situations by improving rapid front line response times and effectiveness to medical emergencies; Rapid front line response to mental health emergencies, with referrals to our community paramedicine program who follow up and assist with long term treatment plans; Services for all communities during emergencies. By guaranteeing a swift response with the right equipment, we can help protect both lives and property; individuals in crisis, crews then refer willing individuals to our medicated assisted therapy program; Methods: Response times are measured daily by supervisors to ensure compliance; follow up referrals/treatment plans.

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?

We are confident that we will meet the stated outcomes and deliverables. No penalties are suggested.

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):

Debbie, Helene, Milton

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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