



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2020

1. Project Title Statewide Interagency Communications and Regional Coordination Platform for FDEM

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 10/21/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The Statewide Interagency Communications and Regional Coordination Platform will strengthen Florida's emergency management system by connecting FDEM, its regional coordinators, and partner agencies through a secure, centralized hub, powered by Civic Roundtable. Designed to replace fragmented tools and one-way updates, the platform will enable real-time coordination across FDEM, DOH, FDC, FDOT, FDOE, DEP, and county emergency managers. By streamlining communication, preserving institutional knowledge, and accelerating recovery operations, the project will enhance Florida's readiness and resilience—ensuring faster, clearer, and more effective support to communities before, during, and after disasters.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Division of Emergency Management

State Agency contacted? Yes

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	968,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>968,000</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)	968,000	84%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	182,000	16%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,150,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 396,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

None



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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	Civic Roundtable includes licenses needed to grant usage rights to the platform for up to 1,000 (estimated) users across state agencies (e.g., FDEM, DOH, FDC, FDOT, FDOE, DEP), county agencies (e.g., emergency management offices, sheriffs' departments), and local partners (e.g., VOADs, community-based organizations, faith-based institutions) engaged in response and recovery.	396,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Civic Roundtable will provide professional services for one-time implementation and technical configuration to ensure FDEM maximizes its investment of state funds. Civic Roundtable will also provide ongoing maintenance and support throughout the contract term and promptly implement any requested updates or enhancements.	572,000
<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>968,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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To establish a statewide platform for FDEMs Communications and Regional Field Team, the first line of support to counties before, during, and after disasters. The platform will streamline communications across state, regional, and county partners; enhance coordination with other state agencies during response operations; centralize recovery resources; support after-action learning; and reduce administrative burden so coordinators can focus on technical support and county guidance.

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

Activities: Platform deployment across all seven FDEM regions; training for coordinators; creation of county-specific workspaces; integration with recovery grant tracking.

Objectives: Streamline communications by replacing fragmented reporting with real-time engagement; centralize grants, templates, and recovery resources to support FEMA, CDBG, and HMGP; provide a persistent hub for training, exercises, and plans to preserve institutional knowledge; and capture lessons learned to strengthen statewide preparedness and resilience.

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

Direct Services: Faster and more accurate state support for counties during disasters; better coordination of resources for affected residents; and more effective, timely assistance to citizens before, during, and after emergencies.

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

Target Population: All Floridians impacted by disasters; FDEM agency staff and partners.

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

Statewide adoption with all FDEM regions using the platform; reduced duplication of reporting across email, Excel, and portals; consistent use by coordinators to store plans, exercises, and lessons learned, preserving institutional memory; and integration into recovery operations to track resources, grants, and milestones, feeding directly into After Action Reports and mitigation planning.

**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 final payment until deliverables are complete.

**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):**

Hurricanes Ian (2022), Helene (2024), and Milton (2024)

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

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

N/A

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):

N/A

#### 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.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Tom Griffin"/>
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