



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1502

1. Project Title

St. Augustine Island Fire Station - Design, Engineering and Site Preparation Matching Funds

2. Senate Sponsor

Travis Hutson

3. Date of Request

02/05/2023

4. Project/Program Description

To design a new fire station on Anastasia Island to serve the community and Anastasia State Park. The City of St. Augustine (City) will transfer ownership of its current island fire station property to the State FDOT, which they need to redevelop a dangerous intersection on A1A South/Red Cox Road. The State of Florida will then lease a vacant 5-acre parcel of land on the west side of A1A South, surplus property from Anastasia State Park, to the City to construct a new City fire station to serve the community and the state park. The City is asking for \$750,000 for design and engineering work and site preparation for this new fire station from the State of Florida and the City of St. Augustine will match these funds with \$750,000.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted?

No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000		Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 1, 2025

12. 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.

State of Florida, FDEP - Property Owner
City of St. Augustine - Lease Holder

13. 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: Other		
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 state matching funds will pay for architectural plans for a modern, resilient fire station and civil engineering plans for site grading and stormwater retention. Additionally, site preparation, including tree removal and grading will be done with any remaining funds. The City will match these state funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The funding will pay for the design of a modern, resilient fire station which will provide fire protection and respond to medical emergency calls. The funding is essential for the work to be done in an expeditious manner, which allows the City to transfer ownership of its current fire station property to FDOT so the State of Florida can construct a "roundabout" at A1A South/Red Cox Road and correct a dangerous intersection.

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

The design of modern, resilient fire stations is a special area of architectural design that requires an experienced architectural firm to design the details of the station. This will include feedback from the St. Augustine Fire Department. An experienced civil engineering firm is necessary to design the ingress/egress of the site to ensure speedy response times. The engineering firm will also design the stormwater retention system and submit the necessary permits to the St. Johns River Water Management District for state approval.

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

The current fire station (circa 1955) is obsolete, prone to flooding and is only large enough to house two firefighters. The new fire station will dramatically cut down response time for emergency calls and will allow a facility to be in operation after storm events, as the current fire station is prone to flooding. Emergency calls include fires and medical emergencies. This station responds to all emergency calls to Anastasia State Park (state park), which has miles of beach front access. There are no longer any lifeguards in the state park, so this fire station responds to all emergency calls at the state park, including drownings and heat stroke.

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

A new, resilient fire station will serve all of northern Anastasia Island, including hundreds of residents of the Davis Shores community, the restaurants and hotels on A1A South (Anastasia Boulevard) and attractions such as Anastasia State Park and Amphitheater, St. Augustine Lighthouse and the St. Augustine Alligator Farm. Overall, the island fire station is responsible for thousands of individuals, including residents and visitors, and hundreds of businesses.

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

The construction of a new, resilient fire station to serve the community and the redevelopment of the A1A South/Red Cox Road intersection by FDOT to eliminate a dangerous intersection. The outcome of this project can be measured by the improvement in response time to emergency calls to the fire department and a reduction in the number of accidents at the A1A South/Red Cox Road intersection.

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 the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County
c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity



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☐ 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number