



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1301

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This project funding request is to purchase and install a generator and electrical retrofitting at Tenoroc High School in Lakeland, replacing McKeel Academy as a special needs shelter. Tenoroc High School has four buildings (buildings 2,3,5, and 6) designed and constructed as Enhanced Hurricane Protection Areas (EHPA). Tenoroc High School would be able to serve up to 1,069 special needs clients, a 48% increase in capacity (+827). McKeel Academy is in Lakeland, the largest city of Polk County, with capacity to only serve up to 242 special needs clients. This is the smallest of all three special needs shelters in Polk County. The generator at McKeel Academy was originally purchased in 2008, it is reaching its end of life, and has had operational issues during previous storms.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,350,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,350,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	450,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,800,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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



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Yes

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

Cares Funding: \$126,467,997.40 (economic development, community health, etc.)
 Nursing Home COVID Health Services: \$639,271.41
 H&D: \$49,464,052.26 (facilities improvements, multi-family rental, rental eviction program, etc.)
 ARP: \$141,233,774.00 (infrastructure/local govts, safety, etc.)
 Library (Co-op (Federal \$): \$454,338.00
 Total Federal \$: \$318,259,433.07

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
 N/A

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

Polk County Public Schools (PCPS) owns Teneroc High School. PCPS is a key partner with Polk County BoCC for the counties hurricane shelter program. PCPS is assigned sheltering responsibilities in the Polk County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. PCPS works closely with Polk County Emergency Management for not only special needs shelters but our general population and pet friendly shelters across Polk County.

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	\$1.8 million for emergency generator and electrical retrofitting to increase Special Needs Shelter capacity.	1,350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,350,000



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14. Program Performance

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

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

Activities in this capital project include design, permitting, engineering, installation, and inspection/closeout.

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

A Special Needs Shelter is an emergency facility capable of providing special medical or nursing care which does not necessitate an acute care hospital setting. Residents with special needs, the elderly, and those without transportation require extra attention in order to stay safe during a disaster, including, but not limited to requiring use of electrical equipment, oxygen, dialysis, or individuals with physical, cognitive or medical conditions who may require assistance from medical professionals.

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

Residents with special needs, the elderly, and those without transportation require extra attention in order to stay safe during a disaster, including, but not limited to requiring use of electrical equipment, oxygen, dialysis, or individuals with physical, cognitive or medical conditions who may require assistance from medical professionals. During the three hurricanes of 2004 (Charlie, Frances, and Jean) approximately 750 people (collectively) were sheltered in the Special Needs Shelters. During Hurricane Irma in 2017, a total of 1,369 people were sheltered. As of July 2023, approximately 2,200 residents are on the Special Needs Registry, and with only available capacity of 1708 spots. This illustrates a 28% deficit in capacity and does not include the number of residents that show up without registering.

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

Polk County has one of the highest special needs populations in the state. Residents with special medical needs and those without transportation require extra support in order to stay safe during a disaster. Often these residents require emergency electrical power and oxygen to stay alive and well. This project will add 827 special needs shelter spaces in Polk County.

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 Department of Management Services contract penalties. Hold back 10% for final contract closeout, establish project milestones tied to appropriate reimbursement percentages. Deliverable 1: 30% of total, Deliverable 2: 30% of total, Deliverable 3: 30% of total, etc.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number