



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3660

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Station #27 requests funds to demolish a 58-year-old fire station (Station 27) and construct a new fire station. Station 27 also serves as the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District's (District) administrative headquarters and is in desperate need of major repairs (ADA compliance, fire alarm and sprinkler system installation, mold invasion, not built to hurricane standards, etc.) and to construct and furnish a new fire station for the District. This new fire station will provide a healthy, safe and secure environment for which District personnel and the public benefit.

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	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

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)	7,000,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	12%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	8,000,000	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.

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



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

The District received \$338,414.00 from the COVID-19 Pinellas County CARES Act 2020 grant allocation on January 26, 2021.

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?

2024/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2025/2026

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.

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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	Demolition of a 58-year old fire station; construction and furnishing of a new fire station for the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District.	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District (District) is in need of a new fire station to securely house our firefighters and serve the needs of its citizens and visitors. The current facility is 58-years old, houses the District's administrative headquarters, and is in desperate need of major repairs (ADA compliance, fire alarm and sprinkler system installation, mold invasion, not built to hurricane standards, etc.). In addition, the District is seeking to construct and furnish a new fire station for the District. This new fire station will provide a healthy, safe and secure environment for which District personnel and the public benefit.

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

The activities include fire and life safety, education, prevention and training activities through open houses, course offerings and formal trainings. All of these activities would be available to community members as well as specialized education and training programs designed for the District staff and potential employees of the District.

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

Examples of direct services provided to citizens from Station 27 include: fire safety inspections, medical treatment, hazardous mitigation, enhanced marine rescue; fire suppression personnel and apparatus in response to a fire; enhanced education opportunities for residents of the community. In addition, Station 27 serves the public as administrative headquarters.

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

Services will be provided to communities within Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Belleair Shore, Belleair Beach and unincorporated Pinellas County. Through automatic aid agreements, our units respond to many neighboring cities and areas in Pinellas County. This population in our District is greater than 17,000.

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

The expected benefits are improvement in physical health; improvement in mental health; improvement in quality of education; protection of the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.); and reduction of carcinogen exposure of all employees. The new fire station will be constructed to meet all current standards and recommendations by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). NFPA Standard 1500 is the Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health and Wellness Program, and it impacts fire station design in areas including cancer prevention, fitness and mental health.

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?

If the District fails to construct the replacement fire station, the District would repay the funds.

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