



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1271

1. Title of Project: City of Dunedin EOC/Fire Training Facility

2. Senate Sponsor: Ed Hooper

3. Date of Submission: 01/18/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Construction of a new dual use Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Fire Training and Public Education Complex which includes a multi-use three story fire training tower with two live fire burn rooms.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Financial Services

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	45.7%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	2,380,000	54.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	4,380,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a 5,429 sq ft Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/ North Pinellas County Regional Fire Training and Public Education Complex including a multi-use 3 story burn building.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Currently the City EOC is located in a non-rated structure that is within 1/3 mile from the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent to the City's sewer treatment plant which houses hazardous materials. During Hurricane Irma, it was decided that the EOC needed to be moved to a temporary alternate location further inland. This secondary location also houses the Public Services Division and was found to be grossly undersized and ill equipped to handle the EOC staff. It has been determined by our City Commission, based on recommendations from the Fire Chief/Emergency Manager, that a separate EOC building is needed. To date, the project plan includes a hardened Category 5 structure that will serve as both an EOC (during disasters) and a regional fire training (6 departments) and public education complex. This facility will allow fire apparatus to remain closer to their response areas for more immediate response as opposed to the 30+ minute drive (one way) to the current training facility.

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

The City of Dunedin will maintain continuity of operations for essential City functions during and after large scale disasters as the EOC/Training Classroom structure has been designed for autonomous operations for a seven day period. During non-disaster operations, the facility will be used as a multi-classroom training center intended to be used by six fire departments including the City of Dunedin for fire, hazardous materials, EMS/medical, and other related topics. In addition, the training classrooms will be used to deliver public education programs such as CPR, First Aid, Active Shooter, and hurricane/disaster preparedness. The predesigned fire training structure, also located on the site, will provide the six northern Pinellas County fire departments with a job related structural firefighting building within which an almost unlimited number of training scenarios and learning props would be available.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

This EOC building will allow City officials to coordinate the preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery when faced with a significant event. During a disaster, essential information will be distributed to the citizens of the City from this location as well as the direct command and control of essential post-disaster response whether sourced locally, from Pinellas County, or through State or Federal means. This EOC will have the potential to allow other north County municipalities and special districts the space to operate if needed during



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an emergency. During non-disaster events, the EOC facility will be used for Fire Prevention presentations to the public including; school age programs, fire extinguisher training, CPR classes, hurricane awareness seminars. Additionally, a more localized training facility will allow participating fire units a shorter travel time, a decrease in out-of-service time, and lowered fuel and apparatus maintenance costs.

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

This project will benefit the 45,000 citizens of the City of Dunedin and its visitors through the establishment of a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/North Pinellas County Regional Fire Training and Public Education Complex. The increased ability to successfully manage citywide disaster responses will only ensure an increase in survivability, resiliency, and preparedness of Dunedin's residents. Likewise, nearly 250 north Pinellas firefighters will have the opportunity to maintain minimum ISO training requirements as well as participate in advanced fire and rescue training situations and drills. The expected outcome is an overall improvement in firefighting related skill, knowledge, and experience whereby improving the emergency services provided by six fire and rescue departments to the citizens of each respective fire district and to Pinellas County as a whole.

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

The expected benefit would be the use of a Cat 5 rated building that is constructed to be self-sufficient for a 7 day period following a hurricane. This will allow for the City to more quickly coordinate the return to normal following a storm. The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) requires a minimum 18 hours of Fire facility training per firefighter each year. This new facility will allow the City to keep personnel and fire apparatus in the City instead of driving to the St Petersburg College Training grounds located 13 miles away and experiencing 25 - 30+ minute drive times each way. This will also allow the other North County Departments the option of a closer training facility to their districts. This will result in lower fuel/maintenance costs for apparatus as well as having the personnel and apparatus available in a moments notice.

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?

The City of Dunedin's legal representation will review all contracts and agreements for their legality prior to starting the project.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The buildings/facility will be owned and operated by the City of Dunedin.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Dunedin



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b. County: Pinellas

c. Organization Type:

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name: None

b. Firm Name: None

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