



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1381

**1. Title of Project:** Bronson Fire Station Replacement Project

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Rob Bradley

**3. Date of Submission:** 01/08/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Construct a fire station for Town of Bronson and unincorporated Levy County to replace existing station built in 1963, which does not meet current codes, lacks functional characteristics needed in the fire station, and does not provide adequate space to properly store apparatus and equipment. The Town has already acquired 6.7 acres of land for this project. **FINANCIAL NEED:** The agricultural/farming environment of our Town is one of the most depressed areas in the County and suffered a significant decrease in property values in past years with less than one-fifth of that loss recovered to date. The Town increased millage rate to recover, but we currently have no ability to budget for capital projects. A large percentage of the property in our Town pays little or no ad valorem taxes due to low valuation rate and various exemptions. The unemployment rate is higher than national and state averages. Home values and median income are close to half the national average, with 21.4% poverty rate

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,850,000</b>

**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)	1,850,000	92.50%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	149,900	7.50%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,999,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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



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#### 10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Survey, architectural design, engineering, site work, and construction in a design-build format.	1,850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,850,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Replace existing fire station built in 1963 that serves 134 square miles of Levy County, but does not meet current local, state, or federal building codes. Provide facilities in Bronson for staffing an Ambulance during severe storms instead of the local Ambulance being required to leave the Town and respond out of the County Operations Center several miles away, which significantly increases response time to emergencies.

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

Architectural design, engineering, site work, and construction to meet all current codes for a public facility providing public safety services. The Town has already acquired the land for this project.

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

Fire protection, fire prevention, rescue, emergency medical services, hazard mitigation, public fire safety education, public safety training, "A Safe Haven for Newborns", "Safe Place" for adolescents, Town Emergency Operations Center.

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

The entire population of Levy County (40,801) will be served, plus over 1,000 additional daytime population in county and state offices, 300 inmates in County Jail, businesses and visitors, and town, county, and state critical infrastructure, as Bronson FD not only provides primary response to the Town and 130 square miles of unincorporated Levy County, but also responds in the county-wide automatic aid system throughout the remainder of the County. The building will also serve as a centrally located regional location for public meetings as well as community groups and provide a centrally located training room for local, county, regional, state, and federal entities. The facility will also provide a regional benefit from mutual aid response to surrounding



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counties. The project will benefit all other fire agencies in not only our county, but surrounding counties as well, as we not only rely on them to provide additional resources, but they also rely on us to provide resources to them.

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

A facility meeting codes for safety/health/accessibility, allow proper storage/maintenance/security of fire/rescue equipment/vehicles, environmentally safe vehicle exhaust evacuation system, emergency generator back-up power, additional capacity for fire & EMS vehicles, and living quarters for firefighters and EMS personnel that the current station does not provide and is not capable of alteration to provide. Enhanced emergency response/improved response times will be a an outcome with ability to have station staffed by firefighters, instead of volunteer firefighters responding from home due to no bunkroom or shower facilities. This will also enable the benefit of programs such as "Safe Haven for Newborns" and "Safe Place" for adolescents in distress, provide a town EOC and back-up county EOC, enable emergency services to remain in town during storms. Outcomes can be measured by list of issues resolved, documentation of improved staffing, response times, facility use, and jobs created.

**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?**

Current generally accepted penalties for non-compliance will be included in the bid award. The Town of Bronson will establish a critical path schedule with date-specific targets. Target dates not met will have monetary penalties, and if severe enough, the contractor's ineligibility for future government projects. Retainer of a set percentage of payments to contractors to provide quality assurance throughout the construction process.

**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 public will own the proposed facility, managed by the Town of Bronson, a Florida municipality.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Dennis Russell
- b. **Organization:** Bronson Volunteer Fire Department
- c. **E-mail Address:** firechief@townofbronson.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)283-3970

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Town of Bronson
- b. **County:** Levy
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

**d. Contact Name:** Shirley Miller

**e. E-mail Address:** bronsonclerk@townofbronson.org

**f. Phone Number:** (352)486-2354

#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
- c. E-mail Address:**
- d. Phone Number:**

#### Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

#### 16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

#### 17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

#### 18. What is the status of construction? Pending funding.

#### 19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

#### 20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/26/2020