



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2194

1. Title of Project: Southwest Ranches Public Safety Land Purchase

2. Senate Sponsor: Lauren Book

3. Date of Submission: 02/15/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

To purchase land to construct the first West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center that will house regional police and fire services during emergencies. The town encourages all requests for space from any state agency desirous of establishing a presence in southwestern Broward County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Executive Office of the Governor

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	900,000	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		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
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	To purchase land to construct the first West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center that will house regional police and fire services during emergencies.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Southwest Broward County has no hardened facilities to provide emergency police, fire and EMS services that are rated to withstand the impact and effects of a major hurricane or flooding. The purchase of land for the construction of the West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center will provide additional response to all of south Florida in the aftermath of a disaster. It will serve as a regional distribution center for water, tarps, and other essential items after a disaster. The Center will protect the Town of Southwest Ranches and our mutual aid partners. This will also house the Town’s large animal rescue unit, which is the only one of its kind in Broward County and serves all of South Florida.

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

Purchase of land in southwestern Broward County for the construction of the West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center.

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

Hurricanes Irma, Katrina and Wilma caused significant damage to our area. The nearest EOC is several miles away and not within the town’s boundaries. The EOC will be capable of surviving damage from hurricane, tornado, and flooding; capable of protecting against chemical and biological agents; and capable of being secured for the duration of a crisis. The current system of providing fire and EMS services from modular trailers is not sufficient to meet the public safety needs of the town’s residents.

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

The West Broward Regional Fire Station and Emergency Operations Center will house regional police and fire services during emergencies, which will serve all of western Broward County.

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

Our goal is to save lives and reduce property damage in ways that are cost-effective and environmentally sound. The town realizes that communities that cannot rely on their own critical infrastructure and services are extremely vulnerable to disasters. Incorporating mitigation measures in the design of the West Broward



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Regional Emergency Operations Center is crucial for minimizing the disruption of our critical operations, enhancing our resistance to damage and our ability to function without interruption during and in the aftermath of hazard events.

- 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?**

De-obligation of funding.

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 Town of Southwest Ranches

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

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