



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2447

1. Title of Project: Central County Fire Station- Baker County

2. Senate Sponsor: Rob Bradley

3. Date of Submission: 01/23/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Baker County volunteer fire department provides services from a fire station located in the Town of Glen St. Mary in the central part of the County. Fire services are provided to the Town and surrounding unincorporated portions of the County. The Town has informed us they will change fire service providers in October 2019 by contracting with the City of Macclenny fire department. Once the City of Macclenny takes over, the County will have to move out of the Glen St. Mary fire station and find a new location to service the central section of the unincorporated County. The County seeks to build an economical fire station to continue providing the fastest response time to our citizens. The new fire station will have 3 vehicle bays and sleeping quarters to house up to 6 fire and EMS employees. Financial assistance is requested for the construction of the new fire station.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	850,000	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



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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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new fire station	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	County will pay for design services for the new fire station.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Construction of a new central county fire station so our volunteer firefighters, full-time firefighters and EMS personnel can respond to emergency calls in the central section of the county with the shortest amount of drive time. Reduction of lost property due to fires. Lives saved because of fast response.

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

Design and construct an economical fire station (metal building with 3 vehicle bays) that will meet the needs of Baker County Fire and EMS departments for the next 40 years.

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

Faster response times in saving property from fires, saving lives in accidents or medical emergencies. Lower ISO insurance ratings.

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

All residents and businesses in Baker County will receive some benefit with this new fire station. Fire crews and equipment located in the Central County fire station can be deployed all over the County to provide fire services, approximately 21,700 population. This station can also deploy mutual aid to the City of Macclenny fire department when they ask the County for assistance.

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

With loss of the Glen St. Mary fire station, the community would benefit from a new Central County fire station by continuing to have a fire station within close proximity of their home or business. The firefighters can



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continue their performance by quicker access to vehicles and equipment in cases of emergency. Property and lives saved. The entire County benefits by having paid firefighters sleeping at the fire stations to provide the fastest response possible. Benefit will be measured by recording the response times to fires and other emergencies.

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?

We would have to deploy our volunteer and full-time firefighters from a fire station that's farther away from Central Baker County. The response times will take longer which may result in increased property damage from fire or loss of life.

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.

Baker County Board of County Commissioners. The Baker County Fire and EMS departments are under the authority of the Board of County Commissioners.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Baker County
- b. **County:** Baker
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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 - Other (Please specify)
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