



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2481

1. **Project Title** Suwannee County Fire Station2. **Senate Sponsor** Rob Bradley3. **Date of Request** 01/21/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Suwannee County Fire Rescue provides around-the-clock emergency response throughout Suwannee County's 776-square miles and the Interstate 10 corridor which runs through the width of the County. The railway running parallel to US Highway 90 forms an East-West line of demarcation separating the County northern and southern sections. Due to the absence of fire stations in the northern section of the County, Fire/Rescue services located South of the rail line must traverse the rail road to provide emergency responses which is impossible when trains are on the track. The County seeks to build a fire station in the northern part of the County to deliver the fastest, unfettered response time to our citizens. The new fire station will have three (3) vehicle bays and sleeping quarters housing up to six (6) Fire and EMS employees. Financial assistance is requested for construction of the new fire station.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Financial ServicesState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750000	71.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	300,000	29 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	County will pay for design services for the new fire station	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		750,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

Construction of a new fire station in the north portion of the County to facilitate/support full time fire fighters and EMS personnel responding to emergency calls in the northern section of the County with the shortest amount of drive time. Reduction of lost property due to fire. Lives saved because of fast response.

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

Design and construction of a fire station with three (3) vehicle bays that will meet the needs of the Suwannee County Fire and EMS department for the next 40 years.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation 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 Suwannee County will receive some benefit with the new station. Fire/EMS crews can deploy in northern County areas, I-10 and I-75 traffic corridors, or other parts of the County when necessary. This station can also provide mutual aid to the City of Live Oak when assistance is requested.

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

With the addition of the fire station in the northern portion of the County, the community and businesses receive direct benefit from being in close proximity to the fire station. Fire fighters and EMS performance is enhanced by rapid/quick access in emergencies. The entire County benefits from having paid first responders located at the station. Benefits will be measured by tracking/recording response times to fire 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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.



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12. **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.**

Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners. Suwannee County Fire Rescue is under the authority of the Board of County Commissioners.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
  - ☐ 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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.