



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1338

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hardening the infrastructure of the Village Hall, which houses the Police Department and other City departments; and serves as a voting precinct location. The Village Hall currently serves as a base operation for first responders and support staff during a storm event. Furthermore, funding of the project will allow for the Village Hall to serve as an emergency shelter for public safety/first responders and once a storm passes the residents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	875,000
Total State Funds Requested	875,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	875,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	925,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	600,000	2645	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The Village received \$1,192,032.00 to provide aid to, among others first responders, 2 law enforcement vehicles and equipment, storm water management, emergency supplies and employee COVID supplies.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

5/1/2025

12. List 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.

Village of Virginia Gardens owned and operated.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expanding the Village Hall, replacing the windows to impact, replace the 2-4 ton AC units, replace the 120kw enclosed generator to serve the entire building. The roof and trusses will also be replaced.	875,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		875,000

14. Program Performance

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

Hardening of the Village Hall and Public Safety Building will allow it to be a reliable base of operations for first responders and support staff during a storm event. The proposed project will secure the building from a CAT 5 hurricane and the enclosed generator will allow for vital communication with the police and first responders.



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

The proposed hardening project will help secure the vital resources necessary to continue operations during a storm.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The proposed project will ensure that police and first responders can continue to operate without interruption from a major weather event. This will allow them to continue to serve the residents.

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

The Village of Virginia Gardens 2400 residents.

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

The ability to shelter first responders and Village staff in the Village Hall/Public safety building during a storm event. And to allow first responders to respond to calls once the winds are reduced to <35 mph. Also serves as a location for the Village residents to come to and cool off and recharge.

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 the contract?

Revocation of funding of Appropriation at end of Fiscal Year.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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