



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2307

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Public Safety Complex will be constructed to be a Cat. 5 Hurricane rated structure. The Complex will house Emergency Management, Fire Rescue Services, EMS, and a portion of Taylor County Sheriff's offices. The facility will also have an area where sheltering can be provided for either essential personnel and/or special needs citizens if so needed. The current EOC is not large enough to accommodate personnel in a severe weather or disaster event. The existing EOC can seat a maximum of 14 in the conference area. and needs to accommodate 60. As there are no sheltering facilities, during and post Hurricane Idalia, essential personnel were in the current facility for days with no place to rest or have down time. The County suffered catastrophic damage from Hurricane Idalia and when FDEM Director Guthrie, Senator Simon, Representative Shoaf , and Congressmen Dunn visited the County post land-fall all parties commented on the need of a larger EOC-Public Safety Complex.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	20,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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Taylor County suffered catastrophic losses from Hurricane Idalia. As a fiscally constrained, rural County, without the requested funding the County cannot move forward with the project. The County is a designated RAO and REDI community.

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

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

The County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety payroll costs and the purchase of PPE and associated supplies and materials. American Rescue Plan funds have been designated for critically needed stormwater facilities.

## 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    
  N/A

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

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

**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.**

Taylor County Board of Commissioners will own, operate, and maintain the facility.

**13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funding will be used for the construction of a Category 5 Hurricane rated EOC- Public Safety Complex. The building will be constructed on land owned by the County. The County will provide all project management services.	20,000,000



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>
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**14. Program Performance**

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

The goal of the Public Safety Complex project is to have a facility which is large enough to effectively and efficiently operate in the event of a disaster and/or catastrophic event such as Hurricane Idalia. The existing EOC does not have the capacity to accommodate multiple agencies or have sufficient area for pre and post-disaster planning. There is not an area for "sheltering in place" for essential employees or special needs (if so needed). In addition to Emergency Management, the new facility will house Fire Rescue, EMS services, and a portion of law enforcement offices. A facility which offers combined services will enable the County to better provide for the safety and welfare of all citizens in the community.

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

Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and law enforcement will be co-located in the Complex. In addition to these services, sheltering facilities will be available in the Complex. The proposed Complex will be constructed to Cat 5 Hurricane rated standards.

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

Direct services will be emergency management services including pre and post-disaster planning and recovery services, fire protection, emergency medical services, and law enforcement. The County suffered catastrophic loss from Hurricane Idalia and having a facility such as the proposed Public Safety Complex could greatly improve public safety services for the community.

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

The entire population of Taylor County (21,815) will be served . In addition , the facility would be available to other counties in the region if they should need support or mutual aid in the event of a disaster. The Public Safety Complex will benefit the entire region.

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

Taylor County will have an adequate, functional facility for Emergency Management to effectively operate and ensure for the continuity of operations and disaster recovery efforts. In addition, the facility will house Station 1 Fire Rescue, EMS services, and provide office space for law enforcement. The complex will offer sheltering facilities for essential services personnel required and/or needed to work during weather or disaster recovery events, as well as special needs citizens (if so needed). It has become very obvious during and post-landfall of Hurricane Idalia, this Complex is critically needed by Taylor County.

**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?**

As there is a great deal of need for the Public Safety Complex, the County will move forward immediately with the project when funding is received. All deliverables and performance measures will be met per the terms of contract timelines and requirements.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**



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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

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number