



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2269

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Dixie County (County) intends to purchase two fire department tanker apparatuses with equipment for transport of water to fire scenes in Dixie County. These apparatuses will provide much needed water supply to rural areas of Dixie County and supplement the initial attack apparatus. Dixie County is a very rural county of 700 square miles and approximately 16,000 residents. We have no municipal water supply throughout nearly 80% of the County. We are a fiscally constrained county with limited funding sources for such large purchases. Currently the only tanker is a 1986 re-purposed surplus military fuel transport vehicle that has been converted to carry water. This vehicle does not comply with current safety standards for such trucks. These units will supplement our department with much needed water supply capabilities.

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	1,300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,300,000

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)	1,300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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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Yes

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

Dixie County received \$2,355,759.40 in COVID relief funds. These funds were utilized for the health and safety of workers and emergency protective measures.

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)?

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.

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	All funds will be used for direct purchase of two 2500 gallon tanker/tenders and miscellaneous hose and equipment to meet apparatus requirements for daily operations	1,300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,300,000

14. Program Performance

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



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These funds will provide Dixie County with two water transport units which are well equipped and meet current apparatus safety standards and will allow for a much better firefighting capability county-wide as well as increase the safety of our crews operating them.

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

The funds will be used for direct purchase of two trucks and required equipment to increase firefighting capabilities.

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

This project will provide Dixie County citizens a much more reliable response to their fire emergency and allow a more certain ability for our staff to mitigate the emergency with much less life and property loss to the citizen. The higher level of service will assist in keeping homeowner insurance rates as low as possible thereby providing a larger positive financial impact than is now possible.

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

This project is expected to impact 100% of our approximate 16,000 residents with either direct response during their individual emergency or by way of reduction of homeowner premiums financially. It will also impact 100% of our Fire staff with an immediate increase in safety during response as the units are designed for the task at hand with current safety guidelines for such trucks. It will also impact our department financially with less needed repairs and maintenance with newer apparatus

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

The expected outcome is a more reliable and efficient fire suppression ability by providing a more reliable water supply which will ensure less fire damage during an emergency. It can be measured by a shortened scene time, which is reflected in our reporting. Dollar damage should generally be less as well, which again is reflected in reporting. Insurance rates should be less with added equipment and will be evaluated during the next schedule Insurance Office Evaluation of Dixie County. The project will also increase the safety of our responding members with a reliable apparatus designed and built for the duties that it is performing. This will be observed in decreased maintenance costs from failure of older equipment that is not rated for the duties for which it is used.

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?

Dixie County fire department is currently using equipment not rated for the needed use by utilizing a converted surplus military fuel tanker instead of actual fire apparatus. Our current unit is not designed for the weight and does not provide needed stability. This leads to increase chance of apparatus failure and a vehicular accident. The county is liable for the safety of our firefighters. Continued use with failure to attempt to remedy will be viewed as negligence. Continued use may result in firefighter fatalities as well as injury or death of the citizens that we protect.

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



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- ☐ 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