



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1337

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

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will provide for the construction of a fire station serving the residents and visitors of Coral Gables. The fire station will enhance response times for fire rescue services to an area of the city historically challenged by traffic congestion and lack of access to the communities along its eastern seaboard and the University of Miami. The strategic location of the fire station reduces the gap between fire stations from 5 miles to 2 miles, placing a fire rescue station within a 2-mile radius throughout the City. The location's high elevation will serve as the primary fire station south of the Gables waterway during hurricanes where other fire stations must evacuate due to storm surge. The strategic location reduces response times and enhances access to areas of the City where major thoroughfares are limited and access to major seaside communities is restricted. The fire station is within a block from a major elderly nursing and rehabilitation center.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,000,000	82%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	8,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	1,500,000		No

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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No

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

The City received approximately 8.5 million from ARPA and used the funds for revenue replacement. The City received approximately 5.6 million from the CARES Act and used the funds for eligible expenditures including small business grants, overtime, personal protective equipment and supplies incurred due to the public health emergency.

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?

6/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/2024

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.

Directly: The City of Coral Gables

Indirectly: The Coral Gables Fire Department

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	100% of requested funds will be utilized for cost of construction. The City has purchased the site for the station, requisite meetings and public hearings have been accomplished. The design, planning and permitting for the Station has been 100% completed. This shovel ready project has been funded at \$7 Million dollars for FY23, requested funding will cover cost of construction. The project will also include a fire department themed neighborhood park.	1,500,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funds will provide for the construction of a fire station serving residents and visitors of Coral Gables. The fire station will house a fire engine and an ambulance but from an architectural standpoint it will not disrupt the mostly residential character of the neighborhood. The station will also be buffered by a verdant park to further integrate and connect the station to the surrounding community. The addition of this facility will enhance response times for fire rescue services to an area of the city historically challenged by traffic congestion and lack of access to the communities along its eastern seaboard and the University of Miami.

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

Construction services.

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

The construction of a new fire station will directly result in enhanced fire and emergency services for the residents and visitors of the City of Coral Gables. Through established mutual aid agreements, the fire station will serve all residents in southern Miami Dade County. The fire station will have a direct impact to the residents residing along the east coast of the city, a high-rise nursing home and the University.

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

The southern areas of the City of Coral Gables will be serviced by Fire Station 4.

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

Reduced response times for emergency services and improved resiliency post storm or natural disaster event.

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?

Liquidated damages clause or not reimbursement of grant funds.

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)



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☒ 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