



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2301

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Taylor County (County) requests funding for construction of a two-bay fire station with storage and living quarters for its Shady Grove Fire Rescue and Public Safety facility. The facility will be located on land owned by the County. The facility will have sufficient parking for firefighters and emergency response personnel. The site will also serve as a disaster recovery staging area.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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?

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



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The County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety payroll costs and the purchase of PPE and associated supplies. The County will be receiving American Rescue Plan funding and anticipates using those funds for critically needed stormwater projects.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

4/1/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/24

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 County Commissioners will own, maintain and operate the facility. Taylor County will provide the land for the Shady Grove Fire Rescue and Public Safety facility.

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	All funding will be used for the construction of the Shady Grove Fire Rescue & Public Safety facility. Taylor County will provide the land for the facility and all project management services required for the construction.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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A fire station with two bays, storage, and living quarters will be constructed. Currently, Shady Grove Fire Rescue is located in a small, older shed like structure which does not have storage for equipment. There is currently no adequate parking, and there are no living quarters. The north end of the Taylor County does not have a disaster recovery staging area and the new facility will also provide those services if needed.

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

The new fire station will provide the facilities and resources for improved fire protection and emergency response services for the Shady Grove community and the north end of Taylor County (County). In addition, mutual aid is provided to the adjacent counties of Madison and Jefferson which will also benefit from the fire station and public safety facility. The new fire station will substantially reduce emergency response times. Shady Grove is located 16.6 miles from the County's main fire station which currently provides the majority of fire protection and emergency support for Shady Grove and the north end of the County.

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

Substantially improved response times for fire protection and emergency support services. In addition, the north end of Taylor County will have a facility equipped to handle disaster recovery services.

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

The Shady Grove Community, as well as the north end of Taylor County are the target population. Madison and Jefferson County who mutual aid is provided to will also benefit. Approximately 3,500 citizens over 200 sq. miles will be served by the new facility.

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

All emergency calls are recorded and monitored. One of the expected outcomes of the project will be substantially reduced response times which will be simple to track and document. Another outcome will be the extended life of vehicles, equipment, and emergency apparatus with adequate storage and protection from inclement weather. There is no disaster recovery area at the north end of Taylor County and the new station will provide this service if so needed.

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?

Taylor County (County) is ready to move forward with the project. All deliverables and performance measures will be met per contract timelines and requirements. The County already owns the land where the structure will be located. The County will be providing all project management services.

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



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☐ 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