



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3167

**1. Project Title**

Immokalee Fire Control District - Fire Station #31  
Construction/Replacement

**2. Senate Sponsor**

Ed Hooper

**3. Date of Request**

01/31/2023

**4. Project/Program Description**

The requested funds will be used for the demolition of a forty-four (44) year old fire station in desperate need of major repairs (roof/window leaks, flooding/seepage, mold invasion, not built to hurricane standards, etc.) and construction and interior finishes of a new fire station for the Immokalee Fire Control District (District). This new facility will provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment from which District personnel can provide the services taxpayers deserve.

Immokalee is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity and a Rural Area of Economic Concern per Chapter 288, Florida Statutes as well as a Financially Disadvantaged Community. Additionally, Immokalee is part of Florida's Enterprise Zone, that was created for "Economically Distressed Areas." Roughly 70% of Immokalee's residents are considered "low to moderate" income level following the latest census.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

Department of Financial Services

**State Agency contacted?**

No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,500,000</b>

**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)	6,500,000	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>6,500,000</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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**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

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

In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, received Federal C.A.R.E.S Act funding through the Collier County Board of County Commissioners in the amount of one million dollars. All funds were used for overtime/backfill reimbursement due to sickness as 50% of our staff were infected multiple times causing an absence of a minimum of 14 days each time. The money was also used for the reimbursement of all EMS supplies, purchase of multiple de-sanitizing machines, masks, suits, etc., directly related to COVID 9-1-1 response.

## 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?

July 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 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.**

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**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	Physical demolition and construction of a new fire station. This station replaces the existing 44-year-old facility and will be called, Immokalee Fire Control District - Station 31.	6,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,500,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

Immokalee is in desperate need of a new fire station to securely house our firefighters and serve the needs of its citizens and visitors. The current facility is 44 plus years old. It doesn't have a hurricane rating and is simply beyond repair. Issues such as flooding/seepage from rain, roof leaks, and constant mold are just some of the daily struggles plaguing this fire station.

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

The activities provided include fire and life safety, education, prevention and training activities through Open Houses, course offerings and formal training. In addition, community meetings will be conducted monthly so the community can gain awareness related to the Immokalee Fire Control District's (District) operations and activities, as well as and learn how the District manages the use of taxpayer funding.

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

The services provided directly correspond with the activities noted above, in that each service extended will directly correspond to the individual's need. The Immokalee Fire Control District (District) is recognized as a Rural Area of Opportunity and a Rural Area of Economic Concern (Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes) with over 70% of our residents in the "low to moderate income status" based on the 2011-2015 HUD Census Data.

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

Immokalee is an unincorporated community and census-designated place in Collier County, Florida. Per the 2020 statistics, this station is in Immokalee proper thereby serving a population of 24,557. Demographics include 72.7% Hispanic or Latino, 49.6% White Alone and 24.7% is two or more races, leaving 21.1% Black or African American.

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

The expected benefits are improvement in physical health; improvement in mental health; improvement in quality of education; protection of the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.); and reduction of carcinogen exposure of all employees.

The new fire station will be constructed to all meet current standards and recommendations by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). There is an NFPA standard for all the expected benefits of this project.

##### 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?

None

#### 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