



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2186

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Design and construction of fire training center to accompany existing classroom facilities located at the Dunedin Emergency Operations Center. Fire training facilities, including the EOC classrooms will be open to local, county, and state fire districts with the focus on providing the North County Fire districts of Dunedin, Palm Harbor, Safety Harbor, East Lake, Tarpon, and Oldsmar with training opportunities. This will allow for increased access to training for 1300 Pinellas County firefighters in 19 departments covering 280 square miles, in particular the north county districts. Current mid-county training facility accommodates 1,974 annual training hours, which is insufficient to meet the demand of a required 5,850 hours of annual training. A north facility will also decrease travel time and provide access to other public safety stakeholder groups requiring both hands on and classroom training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,250,000</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)	1,250,000	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000	9%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,375,000</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.

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



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

The City did not receive federal COVID-19 funding directly. Indirectly, approximately \$450,000 was distributed by Pinellas County toward reimbursement for lost revenue.

## 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.**

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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	Pre-fabricated steel fire training tower, construction/assembly of tower, and site work.	1,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

Design and construction of fire training center and associated site work to accompany existing classroom facilities located at the Dunedin Emergency Operations Center.

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

Residents, businesses, and visitors all across Pinellas and beyond will benefit by having area fire districts access to hands on fire training to improve the skills of Fire/EMS first responders. The North Pinellas location is key in providing easier and more accessible training access for North County fire districts, improving response time, ability to respond better to save lives and property.

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

Residents and visitors to north Pinellas County, population of nearly 1,000,000 residents and destination to 10-15 million visitors per year.

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

To meet the documented needs of lack of fire training for Pinellas County and more specifically for easy and more direct access to North County fire districts. Improved training opportunities correlate to improved fire response time to victims in harms way of fire or smoke contamination, reducing damage to property and life. Measurements will occur through tracking fire response time and impacts to reducing physical and property damage.

**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?**

Reversion of 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)
- Local Entity



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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