



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2346

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will build a hardened shelter 3.2 miles East of the I-75/C-470 interchange to support evacuees of hurricanes and the immediate local area of unincorporated Lake Panasoffkee and Sumterville and the City of Coleman. As demonstrated with prior hurricane evacuations from South Florida, many evacuees end up staying in a Sumter County shelter. Additionally, the housing in these areas have an abundance of mobile homes and RVs and disadvantaged populations that also need shelter during major wind events. This shelter would also serve as a special needs shelter during events. The secondary use of the facility outside of emergencies will be for emergency services training purposes.

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	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,087,200	55%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,987,200	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

CARES Act funding of \$2,854,146.16 was spent for qualified expenditures of business assistance, public health expenses, facilitating distance learning, and food programs.

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?

6/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/1/2025

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.

The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners owns the land where the facility will be constructed.

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	Funding will be used to construct a hardened shelter for evacuees and also serve as Emergency Services Training Facility 3.2 miles East of the I-75/C-470 interchange. Sumter County owns the land for this project.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

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?

Funding will be used to construct a hardened shelter 3.2 miles East of the I-75/C-470 interchange for evacuees and also serve as Emergency Services Training Center outside of emergencies. All site utilities and preparation will be provided by Sumter County as the funds are for the facility only.

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

This facility would be an evacuation shelter for the vulnerable residents of Lake Panasoffkee, Coleman, Sumterville, and surrounding counties. Mobile homes/RVs in the area necessitate a hardened shelter to protect the special needs population and the general public during events. With its close proximity to the I-75/C-470 interchange, it can provide refuge of last resort to evacuees traveling on I-75. It will also allow for a building designed to specifically address general population and special needs shelter requirements.

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

Sumter County's population is unique in that it is comprised of 58.2% persons that are 65 years and over. This high percentage results in an increased demand of a special needs shelter during hurricane events. The nearby City of Coleman's disadvantaged population, which is low income and comprised of minorities, would greatly benefit with accessibility of a nearby shelter. The overall target population served is more than 800 residents and evacuees (including special needs individuals).

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

A hardened shelter near the I-75/C-470 interchange to support and protect evacuees of hurricanes from Sumter County, other adjoining counties, and the local area around Lake Panasoffkee, Coleman, and Sumterville. Because housing in this area has an abundance of mobile homes and RVs, a hardened shelter is necessary to protect the special needs population and the general public during major wind events. To measure the level of benefit or outcome, the number of evacuees per event that utilize the shelter and the data that is collected from emergency services training throughout the year.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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