



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2544

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is specifically mentioned in the County's Hazard Specific Plans for Dike Failure of the Herbert Hoover Dike as well as for flooding. Our most vulnerable populations are at risk. There are over 33,000 flights over Lake Okeechobee, numerous boaters and fishing tournaments among other activities. These funds will purchase two vessels and a trailer which will allow us the ability to respond to any emergency on the water.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	385,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	385,000

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)	385,000	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 2024-2025	385,000	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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Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million. Funding was spent entirely on emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID-19 sheltering, testing and isolation, as well as on emergency personnel. Palm Beach County also received approximately \$290 million in American Rescue Plan Funding for pandemic-related service and infrastructure 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
 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.

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	Requested funds will be used to purchase a boat and trailer for open water related incidents on Lake Okeechobee and the rim canals. The Airboat, trailer, and tow vehicle will used to respond to emergency calls within the Arthur Marshall Wildlife Reserve in a reasonable amount of time.	385,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		385,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Emergency response by boat to incidents in areas that cannot be serviced quickly in emergencies with current equipment. For example, the Rib Boat/Hard bottom boat is capable of traversing the deeper locations on Lake Okeechobee. The Airboat(s) is capable of crossing the swamp and shallow parts of lake, but is not capable of covering the larger open water areas of the lake in adverse conditions.

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

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will be able to drastically improve the available resources, provide for the safety of our personnel as well as the timeliness of responding to emergency calls on Lake Okeechobee. PBCFR will also be able to provide a valuable resource to the Agricultural Reserve area which is currently not available.

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

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will be able to drastically improve the available resources, provide for the safety of our personnel as well as the timeliness of responding to emergency calls on Lake Okeechobee. PBCFR will also be able to provide a valuable resource to the Ag Reserve area which is currently not available.

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

All residents and visitors of Palm Beach County will benefit from this resource being available to improve response times during emergencies on Lake Okeechobee. The ability to navigate larger open water areas of the lake in adverse conditions is necessary for public safety.

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

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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?

Non payment of invoices; corrective action plan.

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