



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2879

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Restore/Replace original windows in seven-story historic fire training tower located in Jacksonville. Repair aging fire escape from original construction. This structure was built as a WPA project in the 1930s, and is one of two remaining towers in the country. The plan is to keep the wooden window and iconic look that is known as an historic landmark in Jacksonville. Masonry Restoration has minor needs.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	327,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>327,000</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)	327,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>327,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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### 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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 2/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 10/1/2024

**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.**

Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, 501(C) (5).

**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	Restore/Replace original exterior windows and doors in 7 story fire training tower. Repair aging fire escape front original construction. Re-point brick mortar as needed, with replacement of any missing items. Complete cleaning of entire structure exterior and interior to restore appearances.	327,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>327,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

Exterior restoration including replacement/repair of windows, door, fire escape, and masonry issues. This tower was the Jacksonville Fire Departments historic training facility. Built as a WPA project in the 1930s, and served as the primary training grounds for the fire service for 60 plus year. Closed in 1991, as a new training facility came on line it is currently owned by the Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters. It is utilized as a supplemental training facility for the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department (JFRD).



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

Restoration specialist to rebuild the wooden windows and doors to original conditions. Repair/replace the fire escape to original condition, to allow its use for training, maintenance and roof access.

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

This facility acts as a supplemental training site for the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department, as its central location is useful for some types of training scenarios. Thus allows units to remain closer to response areas during training.

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

This tower was used by generation of Firefighters in the City of Jacksonville (City) for training and is often visited by firefighters visiting from outside the city. The JFRD still uses it from time to time for its ability to provide a 7-story training site. There are an average of about 30 visitors this month.

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

To maintain its iconic history to fire service in Jacksonville, both in the public eye and as operationally useful to the JFRD, the restoration of the fire training tower is important to the City of Jacksonville, its residents, citizens and visitors.

**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?**

Return 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
- University or College
- Other (please specify) 501(C) (5)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number