



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2767

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

On June 24, 2021, the condominium building Champlain Towers South (CTS) in the Town of Surfside experienced an unprecedented partial structural collapse. The Governor of Florida issued Executive Order No. 21-148 declaring a State of Emergency in Miami-Dade County due to the building collapse and to assist in the response and recovery efforts as well as the development of mitigation plans necessary to address hazards posed by the collapse. Pursuant to this tragedy, the Town engaged world-renowned structural engineering firm, KCE Structural Engineers PC (KCE), to perform engineering support and analysis services. The Town has spent over \$2 million dollars on this investigation. The Town needs approximately \$500,000 in additional funds to finalize the work KCE has performed since 2021. Funding through this appropriation will assist the Town in completing this work that will bring closure to the community and provide investigative findings beneficial for agencies to learn from.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	87%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	13%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	575,000	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.



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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.

The Town has received funding sources for COVID-19 approximately \$142,000, which assisted with personal protective equipment, materials, testing and sanitation measures.

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)?

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funding will be used to cover the costs associated with the Town's agreement with KCE Structural Engineers. The firm is providing engineering analysis and investigation services pertaining to the CTS building collapse.	500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The appropriation funding will be utilized to cover the additional costs associated with the KCE Structural Engineers CTS building collapse services. KCE has been actively conducting an engineering analysis and an investigation into the collapse of the building since 2021. The Town has paid over \$2 million dollars towards this work and is in need of additional funding to complete the effort.

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

The services provided by KCE Structural Engineers include testing, engineering analysis and related investigation strategies that will result in a final report with findings.

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

KCE's services will not only help to provide closure for the affected families and the community as whole, but will also yield important findings that can be used by agencies around the world to learn from.

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

The entire Surfside community will benefit from this project, but in addition this will have global impact as the investigation will be available for agencies around the world to refer to and use for their own implementation purposes. Additionally, information will benefit the entire State of Florida by better understanding how buildings were built under the code in the 1980s. The investigation results will assist in understanding building construction of the area and how it affects older buildings.

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

The benefit of this project is providing closure to the Surfside community and the families of the deceased. These community members have been waiting for almost two years to better understand what caused the collapse of the CTS building. In addition, agencies around the world are still interested in learning what factors led to this structural collapse. Such findings, as the one KCE is working on, will better inform these agencies with regards to their own building codes and related events. The Town will measure its performance through a completed investigation provided by KCE Structural Engineers. Better understanding construction of that time will provide valued information to other buildings throughout the State.

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?

The Town will abide by all agency agreed upon performance measures and/or deliverables as stated in the contract clauses. Penalties will be determined by the contracting agency.

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)



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- 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