



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2894

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Forest Service has identified 233 communities at severe risk of wildfire damage as a result of the hurricane. Road access and escape routes are affected and in some cases eliminated due to debris piles. During the Chipola Complex and other wildfires, firefighting efforts were greatly hampered, resulting in the loss of property. Having adequate fire suppression equipment will allow Bay County to mitigate many of these risks and respond more effectively to wildfires in the urban wildland interface.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	9%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,100,000</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?



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

Bay County has received \$58,189,583 from the U.S. Treasury in response to COVID-19. The funds have been used in response to the pandemic including assistance to individuals, businesses, and food banks along with other projects. The funds may not be used for transportation or new construction projects. Direct allocations of: \$24,255,185 (Coronavirus Aid), \$33,934,398 (American Rescue Plan).

## 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
<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	Five brush trucks	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Having adequate fire suppression equipment will allow us to mitigate many of these risks and respond more effectively to wildfires in the urban wildland interface.



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

The Chipola Complex wildfires resulted in loss of property that may have been prevented with the proper wildland firefighting equipment and apparatus. With the billions of downed trees and other vegetative debris still posing a wildfire threat, it is imperative that Bay County Fire Rescue has the equipment to address this threat. Not only will this benefit rural residents but those forested urban areas.

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

Wildland and urban fire suppression.

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

Full-time population of 180,000 and an annual tourist population of over 20 million. This will also be a regional asset for Hurricane Michael affected counties: Bay, Washington, Holmes, and Jackson Counties.

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

Preservation of life and property during wildfires.

**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?**

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

**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)

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

**e. E-mail Address**



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number