



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1776

1. Project Title Mexico Beach Florida- Aerial Ladder Fire Truck

2. Senate Sponsor Jay Trumbull

3. Date of Request 02/16/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Funding to be used by the City of Mexico Beach to purchase an Aerial Ladder Fire Truck to service increasing building height fire and rescue requirements. The primary goal is for saving lives, property, and the safety of fire personal during fire and rescue operations, including training. Due to flooding and storm surge experienced during Hurricane Michael, new flood zone designations, and FEMA insurance requirements the trend in Mexico Beach is to build higher than two or three stories now on pilings. The lack of an Aerial Ladder Fire Truck in our inventory has only increased our fire rescue challenges to conduct rapid response, ventilation, extinguishment, and rescue in tall buildings. The nearest available Aerial Ladder Truck capability is in Panama City, approximately 25-30 miles away with a response time greater than 30-45 minutes. This is an unacceptable safety risk to our residents, vacation homeowners and thousands of visitors each year.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? Yes

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	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 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000	728	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The City of Mexico Beach has no other funding sources available for this project.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

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

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?

Contingent on
funding

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Contingent on
funding

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.

City of Mexico Beach (Mexico Beach Fire and Rescue Department); direct funding to City of Mexico Beach.

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	Purchase of Aerial Ladder Fire Truck and equipment/supplies to stock with required equipment (truck comes without any equipment or supplies), and shipping or travel to pickup truck.	500,000
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)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Purchase of an Aerial Ladder Fire Truck (3 section, with a minimum 75 ft reach) to service increasing building height fire and rescue requirements. The primary goal and purpose of this project is for saving lives, property, and the safety of fire personal during fire and rescue operations, including training.

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

Saving lives and property; safety of emergency personal; and rapid fire and rescue response of multi-storied buildings. Aerial Ladder Fire Trucks provide more than just height. Besides potentially rescuing people above the reach of ground ladders, they provide elevated streams, horizontal reach to buildings where road access and terrain create problems, and roof access when adequate personnel are not available to hoist ground ladders.

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

Direct response for fire and rescue operations due to increase in multi-story residential and commercial buildings in Mexico Beach is currently not available. Our current A type pumper (Engine 43 MBFR) can only carry a 24 ft. extension ladder capable of reaching second floor windows and roofs only. Impact of Hurricane Michael has been construction of many three plus story residential buildings including nine three story apartment buildings at the Crossing Salt Creek Phase I and planned construction of several more three story plus apartments and condominiums at Salt Creek Phase II in 2023-2024.

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

Residents, vacation homeowners and thousands of visitors to Mexico Beach each year. Additionally, the recent St. Joe development has or is bringing over 300 multi-storied residential and commercial buildings to our community which we can not adequately service at this time.

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

Maintaining and/or Improvement of the city's ISO fire rating as our multi-storied residential and commercial buildings increase in height and numbers. No or reduced loss of life, injury and property.

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?

If penalties are required per the funding agency agreement for failing to meet deliverables, the City of Mexico Beach Florida will include such penalties in contract agreements with selected contractors.

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)



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☒ 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