



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2632

**1. Title of Project:** SW Florida Regional Emergency Shelter

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/19/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The requested funds will be utilized for the design, permitting and construction of a field house which will serve as a regional emergency shelter in times of need such as during hurricane evacuations. Construction of a regional shelter will serve to meet the substantial deficit for shelter space in SW Florida as identified in the 2018 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Executive Office of the Governor

State Agency Contacted? Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	8,000,000	36.87%
Federal	2,000,000	9.22%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	2,000,000	9.22%
Other	9,700,000	44.70%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>21,700,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 8000000

**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The requested funds will be utilized for design, permitting and construction costs associated with the development of a field house/emergency shelter of at least 75,000 sf in size.	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>8,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Currently the SW Florida region has a shelter capacity deficit of 122,948 spaces for general purpose shelters and 8,586 spaces for special needs evacuees. Construction of the regional shelter will reduce this deficit by no less than 75,000 sf of space.

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

The project will provide an emergency shelter option for Charlotte County which currently has a sever deficit of shelter space. In addition, the SW FL region as a whole has the largest deficit of shelter space in the state. The project will serve as a regional shelter option in a safe location, with the added benefit of being in close proximity to residents, thereby eliminating significant costs and travel time for the residents of the region. In addition, Babcock Ranch will serve as a primary field staging center for FPL to house and operate recovery operations from a central location in South Florida.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Direct service will be the provision of shelter space outside of all evacuation zones and in close proximity to residents of the region.

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

The target population is all SW FL residents with domiciles located with evacuation zones. An emergency shelter of 75,000 sf in size will serve approximately 2,500 residents in times of need. Shelter will include the ability to house special needs residents as well as pets.

**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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The benefit will be safe shelter in times of emergency when voluntary and mandatory evacuations are enacted by regional Emergency Operations entities. The measurement will be a multiplier of the number of residents served, number of days operating as an emergency shelter and number of emergency declarations annually.

**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 in the contract?**

Applicant commits to repay all state appropriations provided in the event that the field house/emergency shelter is not constructed.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Charlotte
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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