



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2037

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Construction of a new fire station (Station 106) for Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue Service District and purchase of equipment (fire truck, brush truck, etc.) to provide new fire protection and emergency rescue services, including ambulance services, to the northwest area of the District. PLEASE NOTE, the District currently does not meet the ambulance response times requirement under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) issued by Lee County because the District's ambulance response times are longer than Lee County allows, primarily because of the distance of all the District's fire stations from the Northwest area of the District. Fire response times to the Northwest area of the District are longer than in other parts of the District and several residences have burned that may not have occurred if Station 106 had been in place.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?  Yes  No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="4,000,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="5000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="83.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="17"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes  No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**  Yes  No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. 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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of fire fighting equipment: fire engine, brush truck and a tender.	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a new fire station.	4,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose that will be achieved is the construction of a new fire station (Station 106) and the purchase of related equipment (fire engine, brush truck, etc.) to serve the northwest area of the District. The fire protection and rescue services provided by the new fire station will be new services for the northwest area of the District and will also improve fire protection and rescue services and response times throughout the entire District.

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

The District will be able to provide new additional fire protection services and emergency rescue services, including ambulance services, from the new proposed fire station which will especially benefit the residents and taxpayers/property in the northwest area of the District. Because the Station 106 construction project is the construction of a new fire station and not a replacement fire station, fire protection services and emergency rescue services will be enhanced District wide and emergency response times will be lowered throughout the entire District and especially in the northwest area of the District.

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

The construction of a new fire station and the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the new Fire Station 106 will enable the District to respond in shorter response times to emergency fire and rescue calls with more personnel and equipment throughout the entire District, and especially in the northwest area of the District where Station 106 will be located.

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

The target population served by this project is comprised of all of the residents and property owners within the District's boundaries and especially in the northwest area of the District which currently does not have a fire station. The District provides emergency fire protection and rescue services throughout the District's geographic area which is comprised of approximately 142 square miles (91,000 acres). Currently, the District provides emergency fire protection and rescue services from only five (5) fire stations. There are at least 120,000 residents residing within the boundaries of the fire District and there are over 90,000 vacant residential lots in the District which can be developed in the future and which will significantly increase the population residing in the District.

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

One expected benefit of this project is the placement of emergency fire protection and rescue services equipment and fire fighters/paramedics staffing in closer proximity to the northwest area of the District so that response times for these services are shortened. A second expected benefit is that emergency fire protection and rescue services response time will decrease/shorten District wide because there will be more District personnel and equipment available at any given time to respond to an emergency call including an ambulance call anywhere in the District. A third expected benefit is a positive change in the District's ISO fire rating which normally results in lower homeowners' insurance premiums. One way the expected benefit will be measured is by shorter response times to emergencies in the northwest area of the District and also throughout the District for all of the District's fire protection and emergency rescue services, including the District's ambulance transports.

### 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?

The District has been attempting to fund the construction of a new Station 106 for some time. The District is still recovering from the significant loss of revenue it incurred during the "great recession." The District is self-motivated to complete the construction project and to staff and equip the new Station 106; therefore, the District does not believe that any additional penalties against the District are necessary.



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12. **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.**

The District owns the land where Station 106 will be constructed.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.