



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1812

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

4. Project/Program Description

Wakulla County is seeking \$6 million in state funding for the construction of a new, dedicated 8,500 sf Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to provide an EOC command center, communication center, and space for associated staff. The existing EOC is a small conference room located within the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WSCO) administration building, which is grossly inadequate in size and functionality. The WSCO Communication Center is in a small room also located in the WSCO administration building and is inadequate in size and functionality as well. Wakulla County is growing rapidly and is in dire need of a dedicated EOC facility with sufficient space and functionality to meet the ever increasing demands of providing disaster and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery services to citizens and visitors. The new facility will be constructed at the WSCO Annex, county-owned property. EOC facility design is being completed with \$200,000 in grant funds via the state DEM.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 6,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 6,000,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 6,000,000 | 92% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 200,000 | 3% |
| Local | 300,000 | 5% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 | 6,500,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2019-20 | | 200,000 | 2669 | No |

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.

11. 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 | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Site preparation, civil engineering, permitting, construction, and related construction inspection services. | 6,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 6,000,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Funds for this project will be used to construct a new, dedicated Wakulla County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The dedicated EOC facility will provide the much needed functional space for co-location of county emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities and services, including accommodating all county agencies and public and private partners for pre and post event meetings and coordination efforts. Relocating EOC and communications center operations and staff to the proposed EOC will free up much needed space in the WSCO administration building.

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

A dedicated EOC facility will serve multiple disaster and emergency purposes to carry out the provision of disaster and emergency activities normally associated with and provided by EOCs across the nation. It will provide a dedicated, unified EOC command center and communication center for all disaster and emergency planning, response, and recovery activities for Wakulla County, other government agencies, and private partners. It will provide co-located space and functionality for emergency operations and communication center staff to ensure that disaster and emergency services and information is provided timely and in the most efficient and comprehensive manner possible.

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

All emergency and disaster planning, recovery and response activities normally associated with EOCs across the nation will be coordinated and implemented under one roof. This will ensure that all emergency and disaster related services, activities, communication, and information are conducted in a cohesive and timely manner to and for all citizens, visitors, businesses and government and private partners.

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



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The target population is all Wakulla County: residents, businesses, government agencies and visitors. Wakulla County's current estimated population is over 33,000. By 2025, the county's projected population will be over 35,000. Wakulla County is also a popular destination for outdoor recreational activities which generates a steady but undetermined number of day and weekend visitors and traffic.

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

With a centralized functional EOC the county will be in better position to provide coordinated, cohesive, and timely disaster and emergency services, communications, and information to all Wakulla County residents, businesses, public and private partners, and visitors.

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 county is seeking state funding for the EOC construction on a cost reimbursement basis. Therefore, should the county fail to meet deliverables or performance measures, state reimbursement payments can be delayed or prorated until the county is in compliance.

13. 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.

Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) owns the property and will be the recipient of the funds, if appropriated, and responsible for overseeing the construction of the facility. WSCO will staff the EOC and be responsible for all post construction emergency and disaster related services as well as the facility management, repairs, and maintenance. The county's matching funds will be used for relocating staff from the WSCO administration building and all new internal EOC furnishing



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number