



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2389

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

4. Project/Program Description

To construct a new Emergency Operations Center. Franklin County is the only panhandle county that has not received funding to build an EOC. Currently, the EOC is located in the previous National Weather Service office that is over 50 years old. The county received funding to design a state of art facility, but there were no construction dollars. Franklin County is a economically distressed rural community and does not have the revenue to construct this important and imperative infrastructure. The new EOC will afford staff the ability to provide the best services to the residents of Franklin County and continue to provide the essential services necessary. The EOC serves as the coordination point for all consequences management activities and ensures that departmental response capabilities are maintained and authoritative information is disseminated to the general public. The Franklin County EOC serves as the hub for communications in Franklin County.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	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 2022-2023	2,500,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**

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



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Yes

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

In 2020, Franklin County received \$2,115,720 in CARES Act funding. A business loan program was offered to local businesses, an ambulance and message boards were purchased, and funds were also used for public health and safety salaries. In 2021, Franklin County received an allocation of \$2,355,139 in ARPA funding. Various projects have been discussed, but the county is waiting for the final rule to be let by Treasury to ensure it is following all protocols enacted for expenditures.

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	All planning and engineering is already funded through a Division of Emergency Management EOC Design Grant. All funds will be used for the construction of the new EOC.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal achieved through this funding will be that Franklin County will be able to build a new EOC. Currently, the EOC is located in the previous National Weather Service office that is over 50 years old. Franklin County is the only coastal county in the Florida Panhandle that has not received funding to construct a new facility. The current EOC is not set up properly to operate as a functioning EOC. The new EOC is being designed in accordance with the ICC Standards of Construction and will have sufficient workspace for elected officials, local leadership, and staff to prepare for, respond to, and recovery from any disaster that may affect Franklin County.

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

The current EOC design grant will be completed by June 2022. The final deliverables of the design grant are construction drawings meeting the ARC 4496 wind load design, site survey, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and telecommunications requirements. In addition, the county has worked with FDEM's GIS specialist to ensure it is designing and constructing a building per BFE requirements.

The design grant will make the project "shovel ready". The only remaining detail would be an RFP to obtain a contractor to complete the construction through these funds.

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



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The emergency management functions in Franklin County are conducted by the Emergency Management Director, the coordinator and support staff. All services that the department currently provide will continue; they include mitigation activities, preparedness plans, responses to emergencies, and recovery operations. In addition, outreach is conducted for all residents and visitors on the ramifications of natural disasters and what to do if a storm is approaching.

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

The EOC construction project targets and benefits the entire population of Franklin County, 12,125 residents (per the 2019 census data). In addition, the information and outreach supplied by emergency management staff target the numerous visitors to the county, in particular summer tourists. Hurricane season is from June 1 through November 30, the timeframe of the largest number of tourists visiting the community and beaches. By having an "up to date" EOC with the latest technology, it enables staff to release the most pertinent information that protects the health and safety of all residents and visitors.

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

To construct a building that is set up to properly operate as an EOC. It is imperative that a new facility is built in order to provide the essential services to the residents and visitors of Franklin County. After Hurricane Michael, there was not enough space to conduct response efforts to the full capacity. This properly functioning building will allow Franklin County Emergency Management staff with the capabilities necessary to perform their job.

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?

Franklin County will ensure that all deliverables are met through the construction agreement/contract throughout the duration of the building of the new Emergency Operations Center. All deliverables of constructing a new EOC will be met and there will be no failures to meet the deliverables or performance measures set forth by the funding.

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.

The owner of the facility will be the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Emergency Management is a department that directly reports to the BOCC.



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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