



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2552

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

4. Project/Program Description

To secure construction funds to build a 14,066 sq. ft. EOC facility for a minimum Category 5 storm and paved parking, located on a county owned .55-acre parcel. Current facility cited for non-compliance with state EOC requirements and consists of 2-stories built in 1926, originally used as County Jail. It has perforated metal screen shutters installed on windows throughout the entire building; repairs to the leaky roof were made following 2004 hurricane season. The general exterior wall construction found in the building is 12" cast-in-place concrete walls with unknown rebar spacing. Specific wind design is not available for the building, roof is flat without overhang and made of cast in place concrete with covering that consists of built-up roofing without gravel and has evidence of visible ponding. There is a parapet wall 4" with scuppers located in at least 2 of the walls. An emergency power generator is on site and securely anchored. There are no interior safe spaces.

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	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,500,000

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)	9,500,000	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	9,500,000	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.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

Allocation to receive: \$5,232,196; use plan includes eligible COVID-19 public health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods, etc.), administration reporting/equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.).

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	Contractual construction services to complete the engineering and build EOC as designed.	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Address state citations, complete the engineering, and seek contractual construction services to build a 14,066 sq. ft. emergency management office/operations center designed to withstand a Category 5 storm. Protects life, health, safety issues related to pre/during/post storm events. Facility to serve as head of operations, pre-/during and after storm events, and will house first responders and efficiently coordinate with emergency personnel, state agencies, disaster recovery providers, etc., in order to restore basic services to citizens faster and efficiently in this fiscally constrained area.

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

Activities are to complete the engineering and seek contractual construction services through the county's procurement process to build Emergency Operations Center as designed.

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

Direct services are protection of life, health, and safety for citizenry, residents, visitors, and evacuees. Emergency Operations Center allows the county to effectively protect general public/citizens/evacuees from coastal and surrounding areas, etc., from harm in pre-disaster preparedness activities, during and after storm managing disaster response and recovery, address needs of community more efficiently with improved emergency communications systems for this rural area of opportunity.

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



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Florida residents, visitors, and evacuees from coastal and surrounding areas. More than 27,000 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Engineering and construction for a state approved 14,066 sq. ft. hardened Emergency Operations Center to specifications for a Category 5 storm that will effectively protect general public from harm by having a fully operational Emergency Operations Center with up to code equipment. A state approved Emergency Operations Center allows for improved communications with first responders, disaster recovery providers, etc., to restore basic services efficiently. Improved emergency management response. Employment maintained from project in this rural area of opportunity.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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.

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.



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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