



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2601

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lee County seeks to expand the current Emergency Operations Center to provide better service to the citizens and visitors of Lee County. The expansion project would double the square footage, allowing ample space to prepare and respond to various emergency situations. In addition, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Dispatch, Lee County EMS and Fire Control, and Lee County Department of Transportation operations will all be housed in the same building as part of the expansion. The co-location of dispatch and operations will reduce emergency call processing times, while also streamlining operations during normal operations and activations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,707,160
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>13,707,160</b>

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)	13,707,160	45%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	16,426,525	55%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>30,133,685</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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



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

Lee County has received \$348,259,212 from the U.S. Treasury in response to COVID-19. The funds have been used in response to the pandemic including assistance to individuals, businesses, and food banks along with other projects. The funds may not be used for transportation or new construction projects. Direct allocations of: \$134,459,744 (Coronavirus Aid), \$149,675,549 (American Rescue Plan), \$30,632,487 (Rental Assistance), \$32,780,510 (Transit), and \$710,922 (Public Safety)

**11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to pay the contractor that Lee County will hire to construct the EOC expansion.	13,707,160
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>13,707,160</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

As one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the nation, Lee County is in need of funding for an expanded EOC. Funding the EOC expansion project will greatly enhance coordination between partner agencies in all phases of activation.

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

The expansion will allow for better coordination during emergency response, as well as enhanced communication between responder agencies during normal operations. Once completed, consolidated fire, EMS, and law enforcement dispatch operations will operate in the new EOC. Further, the county's DOT Operations Center will be housed once completed to streamline services to the community.

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

In addition to emergency communication, preparedness, response, training, recovery, and mitigation provided for all county residents and visitors, the EOC will also house the primary 911 answering point which dispatches emergency medical, fire, and law enforcement response throughout the county.

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

The target population is the citizens and visitors of Lee County. The expansion will seek to further the regional cooperation between the county and local municipalities during times of activation and normal operations with the consolidation of emergency services dispatch.

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



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be measured?

This project will expand Lee County's capacity to host emergency management related classes, trainings, and preparedness seminars. Relocating the 911 center will expedite communications during disasters and increase coordination efforts between partners on a daily basis. Lee County will be able to quantify the number of preparedness activities and outreach events to take place, as well as the number of partners that can be accommodated during an activation. The 911 Center will be able to decrease the amount of time required to dispatch responders.

**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?**

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

**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.**

Lee County has purchased all lands that this project will be located on.



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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