



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2314

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department (Department) is requesting funding for a new tanker/pumper. Last year, the Department retired its 30-year old 2,000 gallon tanker due to cost effectiveness of repairing was not in the budget. The Department's fleet is comprised of three trucks, which are approximately 30 years old and include the Department's main engine. The purchase of a new tanker/pumper will provide the Department with a truck which will provide ample amount of water. There are no fire hydrants in the district and the closest one is four and a half miles away. The Department covers the immediate area as well as being automatic mutual aid for five other surrounding fire districts. The Department covers not only a rural area but is responsible for municipal and wildland areas as well. The Department was on the front lines for the Bertha swamp fire of March 2022 which burned over 30,000 acres in Northwest Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	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 2023-2024	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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No

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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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	The requested funding will be used to provide the Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department with a new tanker/pumper. Last year, the Department retired its 30-year old 2,000 gallon tanker due to cost effectiveness of repairing was not in the budget. The Department's fleet is comprised of three trucks, which are approximately 30 years old and include the Department's main engine. The purchase of a new tanker/pumper will provide the Department with a truck which will provide ample amount of water.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The purchase of a new tanker/pumper will provide the Department with a truck which will provide ample amount of water. There are no fire hydrants in the district and the closest one is four and a half miles away. The Department covers the immediate area as well as being automatic mutual aid for five other surrounding fire districts. The Department covers not only a rural area, but is responsible for municipal and wildland areas as well. The Department was on the front lines for the Bertha swamp fire of March 2022 which burned over 30,000 acres in Northwest Florida.

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

The funding of a new fire apparatus will allow Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department, to provide optimal fire suppression capabilities. This purchase would not only benefit Wetappo's Fire District but also the fire districts of our five automatic mutual aid departments that we support. This purchase would be used for not only fire suppression, but also for educational purposes to teach the local schools and public at special events the importance of fire safety and prevention.

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

The target population is all of the general public. The department covers over 800 individuals within our fire district. Additionally, we provide mutual aid to all of northern gulf county which includes thousands more citizens.

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

The beneficial outcome of the project will provide fire suppression as well as educational opportunities for not only the immediate fire district of Wetappo Creek, but also the surrounding districts. By having this equipment we are better prepared to fight fire by having equipment to carry water in an area that does not have fire hydrants and water transport is necessary.

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?

N/A

15. Requester Contact Information

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

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number