



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3068

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

4. Project/Program Description

In October 2018, Bay County experienced a direct hit from Hurricane Michael-- the most heavily impacted county. The City of Springfield (City), a municipality within Bay County, suffered significant damage to its infrastructure, housing, commercial properties, government facilities, public spaces, and its economy. The hurricane destroyed or heavily damaged every City facility and created critical infrastructure failures and deficiencies throughout the city. The Fire Department (located on 3rd street) was destroyed by Hurricane Michael forcing relocation of all operations to a temporary metal building and small trailer. In addition to inadequate operational space, the temporary facility is not disaster resilient, required the facility to be evacuated in the event of major weather events. This situation would endanger residents and businesses and greater reduce required public safety services, response time, resolution of events, and other key service factors.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,159,050
Total State Funds Requested	4,159,050

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)	4,159,050	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	4,159,050	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

To date, the City of Springfield has received \$2,147,911.00 in ARPA Funds. These funds have been used for loss of revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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.

The City of Springfield and its citizens will be the sole owner and beneficiary of this facility.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Financial and project monitoring and compliance monitoring	207,952
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a permanent structure for the Springfield Fire Department.	3,951,098
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,159,050

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this project is to build a permanent structure for the Springfield Fire Department, allowing the implementation of a professional, hardened operational facility for this key public safety service. This facility would enable the City of Springfield (City) to move from the current temporary metal building that houses critical and expensive fire equipment and a small trailer that is used by Department leadership and staff. The temporary facility is not disaster resilient, leaving the city in danger in the event of another major storm as the Fire Department would be required to actually evacuate these inadequate facilities. A proper facility will enable professional fire services to be provided every day, 24 hours per day. This is critical to the number one goal of the City--public safety.

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

The City will build a fully compliant, professional Fire Department that will provide fire prevention, emergency response, and other services to all residents, businesses, and visitors to the City.

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

Services include, but are not limited to, the following critical public safety services: fire prevention; fire suppression; emergency medical response; hazardous material response; search and rescue; and disaster response. These services will be provided much more effectively to citizens, businesses, individuals traveling in the City, and other entities.

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

This facility will serve the entire population of Springfield (approximately 8,000 citizens) and all businesses, churches and other organizations. Through this facility, the Fire Department will also support surrounding communities through mutual aid agreements and other support for events outside of the City of Springfield.

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

A viable and reliable Fire Department operating out of professional facility will provide residents a great sense of security and provide businesses, churches, and other entities more confidence in operating in the City (encouraging future growth and expansion). The City will measure these outcomes by capturing the number of calls for service; response time to calls for service; amount of losses due to fire and other emergencies; staff retention rates; and overall satisfaction of residents and businesses through survey tools. Economic growth and resiliency will also be measured by the number of new jobs, new businesses, and new residents.

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?

In addition to standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract, liquidated damages could be imposed if the contractor does not perform in a timely manner.

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



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number