



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1010

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Haines City is constructing a new multi-functional public safety facility to enhance emergency response capabilities and community resilience. This vital project addresses service gaps with a much-needed fire station for the growing northern area, which currently lacks coverage. The facility will also house a purpose-built Emergency Operations Center (EOC) designed to manage natural disasters, emergencies, and critical incidents. The EOC will feature construction hardening to withstand extreme weather events, ensuring operational continuity and public safety during crises. The project will also house back-up IT infrastructure, and alternative pathway communications equipment to ensure continuity of operations day to day and during emergencies.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	18%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	13,198,000	82%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>16,198,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/15/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/15/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Local

11. 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.

City of Haines City

### 12. 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</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	Construction	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will support the construction of a new public safety facility, including a fire station to serve Haines City's northern area, a hardened Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to manage disasters, and an IT component with backup servers to ensure continuity of government operations. This project will enhance emergency response, public safety, and community resilience.

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



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The facility will provide fire and rescue services to the northern area of Haines City, improving emergency response times. It will house a hardened Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate disaster response, manage critical incidents, and ensure public safety. The IT component will include backup servers and secure connections to support data management, communication systems, and operational continuity during crises.

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

The project will offer faster fire and rescue services to the under-served northern area of Haines City, reducing emergency response times. The Emergency Operations Center will enhance disaster preparedness and coordination, ensuring efficient responses to hurricanes and other crises. The IT component will provide secure data backups and robust communication systems to maintain essential public services during emergencies.

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

General

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

The expected benefits of this project include faster emergency response times for Haines City's under-served northern area, improved disaster preparedness and coordination through a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and enhanced resilience during crises with hardened construction and reliable IT infrastructure. These outcomes will safeguard lives, protect property, and ensure continuity of essential public services.

**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 in the contract?**

City will repay any allocated funding.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**



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**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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