



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1014

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Access to Vital Information for Faster Relief & Recovery from 2024 & Future Disasters
 In 2024, Sarasota and Manatee County were hit by Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton. Many residents relied on Making An Impact's Disaster Recovery and Basic Needs Resource Guide for critical support. Funding will support ongoing long term recovery information needs & future preparedness with guide updates & broader distribution.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	175,000	100%

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.**

Other sources of funding, that may be available to provide vital support for disaster response and resource dissemination might include: Federal Grants: Programs like FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) , Nonprofit Organizations: Charities such as the Red Cross or United Way or other disaster relief organizations, Private Sector Donations or Community Funds.



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	To subsidize 50% of the salary for the project head since their leadership is critical to ensuring the project's success & alignment with its goals. This highly skilled & experienced leader will coordinate efforts, manage resources, and oversee the execution of key activities to guide the project to completion.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	In addition to a salary, a Lead Project Manager for a disaster recovery & basic needs resource guide project may receive various types of benefits & compensation, including: Health Insurance: Coverage ,Retirement Benefits, Paid Time Off (PTO)& Life and Disability Insurance	3,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel Reimbursement: If travel is required for the role, reimbursement for transportation, lodging, and meals; Company Equipment: Provision of laptops, smartphones, or other necessary tools for work & Office supplies	2,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	To produce disaster recovery & basic needs resource guides, for expenses, needed for: Research & Content Development; Printing & Distribution; Digital Infrastructure; Travel & Fieldwork; Supplies; Technology; Outreach; Marketing ; & community meetings	80,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries for contractors (e.g., researchers, designers, writers) • Consulting fees for subject matter experts 	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	150,000
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13. Program Performance

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

State appropriation funds for disaster recovery and basic needs resource guides will support Florida residents in recovering from 2024 disasters and preparing for future events by improving access to vital information for finding short and long term recovery services and support. The broader distribution of updated essential need info to connect those at risk will further enhance community preparedness and strengthen resilience.

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

Our services will support recovery from the 2024 natural disasters and preparing for future ones:

- Research: Update & verify information in our Disaster Recovery and Basic Needs Guides.
- Translation: Printed guides in English and Spanish; online versions in 20+ languages.
- Printing: Bilingual guides, QR code wallet cards, & signage
- Wider Distribution & Marketing

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

Our Disaster Recovery & Basic Needs Guides offer info on where to find essential services for residents impacted by natural disasters and those preparing for future events. These include emergency shelters, recovery programs, financial aid, mental health support, & rebuilding resources. They also provide preparedness tips, emergency plans, & local contacts to aid in effective response & recovery.

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

At risk residents before, during and after disaster, including but not limited to elderly persons; persons with poor mental health; persons with poor physical health; homeless; developmental or physically disabled, and anyone in harms way or affected by an impending natural disasters or its aftermath. Estimated number to be served is contingent on weather but will be more than 1000.

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

Improved physical health with reduced injury, illness due to access to services and preparedness.
 Improved mental health due to access to info for reduced stress and coping
 Protection from harm with reduced loss of life, property, and crime due to preparedness, faster recovery & resilience.
 Enhance individual & family economic sufficiency with reduced dependance on external aid due to resource access.
 Measures include survey data, economic tracking, health data on illness, injury & death.

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?

To ensure accountability and effective service, if Making An Impact fails to meet deliverables, penalties may include:
 Financial: Fines or funding deductions for delays or inadequate coverage.
 Reduced Future Funding: Decreased funding for repeated or significant under performance.
 Contract Termination: Loss of contract for severe non-compliance.
 Public Accountability: Public reporting of failures & corrective actions

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):



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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:

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)



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- 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

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.