



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1178

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Bronson is requesting funding for the construction of the Bronson Community & Resilience Center, the town's first dedicated community center. Currently, Bronson has no designated facility for public gatherings, events, or emergency sheltering. This new center will provide multipurpose meeting spaces, recreational areas, and an emergency shelter, ensuring a safe, accessible hub for residents. The project will enhance community engagement, support disaster preparedness, and improve local services, fostering a stronger and more resilient town.

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               | 7,500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>7,500,000</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)       | 7,500,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 0                | 0%          |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>7,500,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(YYYY-YY) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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.

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



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**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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 01/01/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2026

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

The Town's annual operating budget will fund the center's operations and maintenance, including staffing, utilities, and upkeep. Additional support may come from rental fees, local grants, and community partnerships, ensuring the Center remains sustainable and accessible for public use.

**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.**

The Town will own and operate the Bronson Community & Resilience Center, managing its use for public events, meetings, and emergency sheltering. Fixed capital outlay funding will support construction and maintenance, ensuring long-term sustainability and service to the community.

**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                      | Project includes construction, site development, planning and engineering, architectural design, land preparation, and utility connections. Funding will also cover interior furnishings, ADA compliance, and resilience features to support emergency sheltering and community use at the Center. | 7,500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>7,500,000</b> |

**13. Program Performance**

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



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The requested funds will enable the Town of Bronson to build its first community center, providing a dedicated space for public gatherings, meetings, and emergency sheltering. The Bronson Community & Resilience Center will enhance community engagement, disaster preparedness, and local services, ensuring residents have a safe, accessible facility for civic, social, and emergency needs.

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

The Bronson Community & Resilience Center will host public meetings, community events, educational programs, and emergency sheltering. It will provide multi-purpose spaces for civic engagement, recreation, and disaster response coordination. The facility will support training sessions, workshops, and social services, ensuring a safe, accessible hub for residents and local organizations.

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

The Bronson Community & Resilience Center will provide public meeting space, emergency sheltering, recreational activities, and community programs. Citizens will have access to educational workshops, disaster response coordination, training sessions, and social services. The center will serve as a safe, accessible hub for civic engagement, local events, and emergency preparedness efforts.

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

The Bronson Community & Resilience Center will serve Bronson residents, local businesses, and visitors, providing a space for community events, meetings, and emergency sheltering. The project is expected to benefit approximately 1,100 residents in Bronson and support the broader Levy County population of over 42,000 during regional emergencies and disaster response efforts.

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

The Bronson Community & Resilience Center will enhance community engagement, public safety, and disaster preparedness by providing a dedicated space for events, meetings, and emergency sheltering. Outcomes will be measured through facility usage rates, event participation, emergency shelter capacity, and community feedback, ensuring the center meets the town's civic and emergency needs.

**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?**

Suggested penalties include financial withholdings for missed deadlines, liquidated damages for delays, and contract termination for repeated non-compliance. The agency may also require corrective action plans, impose additional reporting requirements, or restrict the contractor's eligibility for future projects to ensure accountability and the successful completion of the Bronson Community & Resilience Center.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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



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



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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.*