



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1205

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Lake Helen City Hall is in extremely poor condition and is in need of major repairs and rehabilitation. City personnel are working in these poor conditions daily, which include leaky roofs, mold, poor air quality, rat infestation, just to name a few. The City currently does not have adequate funds available to improve the building and working conditions for City staff and members of the community. City Hall is also included on the National Historic Registry.

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	375,000
Total State Funds Requested	375,000

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)	375,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	375,000	50%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	750,000	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.

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? 12/31/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/30/2027

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

Municipal budget

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.

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12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Pre-Construction and construction activities related to upgrades and rehab of the City Hall facilities.	375,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		375,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will be used towards upgrades and rehabilitation of the current City Hall. Due to its poor condition, and it being listed on the National Historic Registry, it is imminent that these upgrades take place not only for City workers and personnel, but the public/citizens of Lake Helen who conduct business at City Hall.

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

Pre-Construction and construction activities, project management oversight.

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



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Environmentally safe place of employment and public facility.

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

City of Lake Helen - population of ~2,840

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

The expected outcome of this project is an environmentally safe place of employment and public facility. Permitting and project reporting will be used throughout this project.

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?

Permitting, withholding payment, invoice reduction, corrective action plan, termination of agreement

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:

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



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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

d. Phone Number

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