



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1284

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This facility would serve a dual purpose - protection against weather emergencies and disaster and a community center. Capacity to serve 400 daily including beds, showers, laundry, food services, and meeting space. The Center will serve the target population with programming in workforce readiness /development, senior wellness, community kitchen and foodbank. It will also be a health center with spaces that can be turned into decontaminated units in emergencies. Center would be available to host local events.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,300,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,300,000

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)	2,300,000	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 2025-2026	2,300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	337,000	2590	No

9. Is future-year 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.

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? 06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 09/01/2027

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

The City will have the option to rent the facility to private citizens for personal gatherings, which will generate some income that supports the routine maintenance and programming provided to the public.

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 City of South Bay would own the facility.

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	Funds will be used for design, planning, engineering and construction of the center.	2,300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,300,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The funds will allow for the design, planning, engineering and construction of a multi purpose emergency/community center facility.

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

The center will provide a safe haven for citizens during natural disasters and other emergencies and provide educational and job training programs. The center will be utilized by community organizations and the general public.

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

The Glades area region. Capacity to serve 400 daily including beds, showers, laundry, food services, and meeting space. Capacity would be higher based upon enrollment of job training and other educational programs.

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

The center will provide the general public with a safe haven during natural disasters and emergency situations. In addition, local community-based non-profits and informal groups will use the facility for meetings and other special events that add to the vibrancy of South Bay. The facility will house a community kitchen and café that will be open to the public. The kitchen will serve as a training facility for adults and/or disabled/developmentally disabled adults to receive training in food preparation/service. Number of those seeking shelter, programming registration and completion rates.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reasoning will result in financial penalties as described in contract.

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
- 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)?



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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



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