



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1560

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Williston Fire Rescue requests funding for construction of the Williston Public Safety Complex that would house Williston Fire Rescue, Williston Police Department, Williston Communications Center and Florida Forestry Service. During large events such as Hurricanes, it could also house the Williston Emergency Operations Center. Williston Communications Center is also the backup PSAP for Levy County Communication Center. Due to the location at the airport which is much further inland, it could also serve as a backup EOC for Levy County.

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	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>10,000,000</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)	10,000,000	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>10,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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?  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?** 01/02/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 1/1/2026

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

Fire Assessment, City of Williston General Fund, Funds received from contracted county fire district.

**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 Williston

**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	Land is already owned by City of Williston and is willing to allow the new Public Safety Headquarters to be built on it. Land is cleared from trees, power has been run to the area by City Utilities, water and sewer are readily available and gas is in process of being run to the property. Layout has been looked at by involved parties and have a conceptual plan that will accomodat all areas needed. Grant funds would be used for planning, engineering and construction of Public Safety Headquarters	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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To construct the new Williston Public Safety Headquarters. This will house Williston Fire Rescue, Williston Police Department, Williston Fire and Police Communications Center along with Florida Forestry Service. This new complex will have enough space for all parties to operate safely and efficiently while being on the same property. This would allow for streamline of communications during emergencies and disasters along with increase opportunities to train effectively while providing the services that the citizens of Williston and Levy County need and deserve.

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

Williston Public Safety Headquarters would have plenty of space for training for personnel as well as the public. Classes such as CPR, First Aid, Smoke Detector Education and Fire Extinguisher Hand On Training. This would be in addition to the normal Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement and Communications duties.

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

Direct services would include Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement, Communications, Public Education along with Emergency Management tasks such as pre and post-disaster planning and recovery. During past Hurricanes, we have handed out ice, water and meals. The larger area at the Airport would allow for the much needed room to operate during these types of events safely.

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

The headquarters would serve a population of roughly 14,000 people who live inside the Williston Fire Rescue district. The target population would be everything from newborns to the oldest person in our district. We serve all walks of life running EMS and Fire Calls.

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

A benefit of having Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement, Dispatch and Florida Forestry Service in one complex allows for better communication between each group, opportunities to train together and operate together. Location is more centralized in Williston Fire Rescue response zone and allows easy access to the Airport and School for emergencies.

**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?**

Due to the critical need for the Public Safety Complex, the City Attorney will lay out all the deliverable and performance measures that will be met per the terms of contract timelines and requirements.

**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



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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)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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