



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1987

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds requested will be used to design and construct a new Burn Building at the Fire Academy of the South located on Florida State College at Jacksonville's campus.

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	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	44%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,500,000	44%
Other	1,000,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,000,000	100%

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

10. **Status of Construction**



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a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2026

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

Florida State College at Jacksonville will be responsible for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the building.

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.

Florida State College at Jacksonville will be the recipient of the funds; however, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department is a full-time tenant and partner on the Fire Academy campus.

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	The requested funding will be used for design, engineering, and construction of a new Burn Building.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The existing Class "A" Burn Building is over 30 years of age. Due to the age and operations of the structure, the building has deteriorated to a point where it is not considered safe to conduct live fires in the building. While portions of the building continue to be useful by supporting tunnel maze and second story ladder operation training, a new viable Burn Building is needed to continue provide live fire training for new firefighters and annual in-service training for existing firefighters.

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

The funds requested will be used to design and construct a new Burn Building at the Fire Academy of the South.



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

A new Burn Building is critical to allow the Fire Academy to continue to operate at full capacity. With over 300 graduates a year, these students will be able to fill critical public safety workforce needs in Jacksonville and the surrounding areas. The new facility will also allow for the Fire Academy to continue to offer in-service training for over 1,500 existing first responders.

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

Jobless persons and university/college students. There are over 600 EMT and firefighter students in programs at the Fire Academy annually. Additionally, the Fire Academy offers more than 120 in-service training courses for over 1,500 existing first responders each year. Many of the surrounding area fire departments utilize the in-service training courses at the Fire Academy including, Duval, Nassau, Clay, St. Johns, and Baker.

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

Improve quality of education: The new Burn Building will improve the quality of education for both firefighter students and existing firefighters using the Burn Building for in-service training by allowing them to train with a Class A fire. Methodology: The benefit will be measured by the increase in Fire Academy students with Class A fire training. Protect the general public from harm: By constructing a new Burn Building, the Fire Academy will be able to increase its capacity to serve and graduate more firefighters students with live fire suppression training. This will contribute to greater safety in northeast Florida. Methodology: The benefit will be measured by the increase in Fire Academy students with Class A live fire training.

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?

If the Fire Academy of the South is unable to complete the project, funds will be reverted back to the agency.

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:



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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