



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2035

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Ponce Inlet (Town) is requesting funding assistance for the design of a new fire station to replace the existing facility, which is outdated, located in a flood zone next to wetlands, vulnerable to future flooding and sea level rise, and inadequate to meet the current and future public safety demands of the community. This project aims to ensure continued and future operability of the Town's firefighting and emergency medical services (EMS) function, enhance and modernize emergency response capabilities, and improve firefighter safety.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Design	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The requested funds will be used to support the planning and design phase of a new fire station for the Town of Ponce Inlet. This phase is critical in ensuring that the new facility meets operational, safety, and structural requirements. The following activities and services will be undertaken: Architectural and Engineering Design Services: Development of site plans, floor plans, and facility layout. Structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering. Compliance with modern fire station design standards, including hurricane resilience and energy efficiency. Environmental and Site Assessments: Conducting necessary studies to evaluate land suitability. Addressing environmental impact and mitigation measures. Project Planning and Development: Space allocation for emergency vehicles, firefighter living quarters, training areas, and administrative offices.

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

No direct services will be provided by the creation of the new fire station design plans. However, once the new facility is constructed, it will allow the Town to continue providing emergency fire suppression, rescue, and ALS transport services; Community education and public safety programs; and Town Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions well into the future.

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

The primary beneficiaries of this project are the residents, visitors, and businesses in the Town of Ponce Inlet. The fire station serves as the central hub for emergency response, including fire suppression, rescue, and advanced life support (ALS) transport services.

Estimated Number of Individuals Served:
 Permanent Residents: Approximately 3,400.
 Seasonal Residents and Visitors: Thousands annually, especially during peak tourism seasons.
 Businesses and Commercial Establishments: The fire station provides emergency response services to all commercial properties within the town.

By funding the design of a modern fire station, the project ensures the safety and well-being of all individuals who live in, work in, and visit Ponce Inlet, improving emergency response capabilities and public safety infrastructure for the entire community.

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

Creation of "shovel-ready" plans that will be used for future construction bidding and construction grant funding opportunities. This outcome will be measured by having 100% complete code-compliant engineering and architectural plans in hand.

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?

The contracting agency may consider withholding payments until milestones are met, imposing liquidated damages for delays, and terminating the contract for significant non-performance. Other penalties include requiring corrective action at the contractor's expense, enforcing performance bond forfeiture, restricting future bids, and publicly reporting non-compliance to maintain accountability and protect public resources.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Flooding from Hurricanes Ian and Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?



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- 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

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



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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.