



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2039

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

4. Project/Program Description

Designed for both brush and structure fires, it supports confined space rescues and vehicle extrications while enhancing community fire safety programs. This vehicle will increase emergency response times, reduce stress for citizens and staff, and support agricultural incident responses. Overall, it will enhance our capabilities in accessing rural areas, improve water delivery, and boost our response during severe weather. 1. Enhanced Maneuverability: The vehicle's compact design allows access to narrow roadways, crucial for emergency responses. 2. Versatility: This first response unit will be equipped with advanced life support systems and can transport four dual-certified responders for fire and medical emergencies. It also assists in pumping water in hard-to-reach areas. 3. Quick response: Facilitated by its compact design, allowing for effective personnel, water and equipment transport. It will improve our fleet for fire suppression, emergency medical services, and public safety.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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	400,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	0		No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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	Purchase of a Ford F-550 XLT 4x4 SD Crew Cab (4-Door) Commercial Chassis, Mini Pumper specifically equipped and meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The mini-pumper provides enhanced maneuverability allowing access to narrow roadways, limited access areas and supports emergency needs during storms. Its versatility enables it to serve as a first response vehicle equipped with advanced life support and capable of transporting four dual-certified responders for both fire and medical emergencies. It also acts as an extension to pump water in areas with limited access. The compact design facilitates quick responses, ensuring effective transport of personnel, water, and equipment.



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

This first response vehicle is designed to transport four firefighters and medical personnel to manage both fires and medical emergencies. It is suited for tackling brush and structure fires, provides Advanced Life Support, and is equipped for confined space rescues and vehicle extrications. Furthermore, it supports community fire safety programs to improve preparedness and enhance safety.

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

The purchase of the mini-pumper will improve overall response times, provide greater access to rural areas, the ability to extend the range water can be delivered from a tanker truck with continuous flow that is too large to gain access, and provide greater response capabilities during severe weather conditions. Quick response and recovery depends on the ability to respond with the right equipment and personnel with the ability to manage emergencies and prevent loss of life and property.

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

The population of Gilchrist County of over 17,864 (aka: Springs Capital of the World) and about 40,000 annual visitors. Gilchrist is a rural community covering an area of 349 sq miles and a population density of 51 persons per sq mile with no county fire hydrants. We are a rural area of concern with agriculture being its largest industry.

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

The expected benefit of this project is an enhanced emergency response capacity, improved public safety, and increased readiness to address community needs. The outcome will be measured through quantitative metrics such as reduced emergency response times, increased operational efficiency, and enhanced coordination between emergency services. Qualitative indicators, including citizen feedback and incident reports, will also gauge the project's success in providing a safer and more secure environment for the Gilchrist community.

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?

Standard Contract Penalties.

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#:



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.