



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2040

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Gilchrist County Fire Rescue (GCFR) request to purchase a 2,500-gallon combination E-1 pumper-tanker intended to replace two aging vehicles in our fleet. GCFR is a dual fire-rescue department. Given the rural landscape of Gilchrist County, characterized by long response times and a lack of hydrants, it is vital to maximize personnel deployment while minimizing the number of equipment used. This strategy is essential for efficiently saving lives and protecting property during emergencies. An analysis of incident water usage reveals that the capacity of this combination pumper-tanker, when paired with one existing tanker, would have adequately met the demands of all water needs for service calls in 2024.

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	975,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	975,000

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)	975,000	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	975,000	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		
2024-25	0	0		No

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.



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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 an E-1 Pumper-Tanker 2500 gallon Combination apparatus specifically equipped and meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.	975,000
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)		975,000

13. Program Performance

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

GCFR needs to replace two aging fleet vehicles. Adding this combination apparatus that has a high capacity for water carrying, along with the versatility of a pumper, will allow us to transport the necessary personnel and equipment, along with enough water to effectively respond to service calls. This will enable GCFR to manage fire emergencies more efficiently, maximize our inventory use, and reduce budget overruns.

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



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The first response vehicle is specifically engineered to transport water directly to fire sites and pump it onto the flames, streamlining operations by negating the necessity for separate pumper and tanker vehicles. Its cab has the capacity to accommodate the same number of personnel as both of those vehicles combined. This innovative service enhances the efficiency of fire emergency management. Furthermore, it actively supports community fire safety initiatives aimed at improving preparedness and bolstering overall safety measures.

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

This 2,500-gallon combination pumper-tanker will effectively handle the majority of the county's fire emergencies. Acquiring this pumper-tanker will enhance overall response times and improve our response capabilities. Quick response and recovery relies on having the right equipment and personnel available to manage emergencies and prevent the 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

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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