



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2070

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Fort Myers needs a dedicated Emergency Operations Center to effectively serve our 96,000 residents in emergency and disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The construction of an EOC will eliminate existing operational gaps and allow for all essential coordination to be conducted in a hardened facility with the necessary capabilities (e.g. meeting space, restrooms, showers, technology) needed to properly prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster. This project protects public health and improves the City's ability to re-establish community lifelines after a disaster.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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	2,500,000	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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2029

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

The City of Fort Myers will allocate annually to the operations, maintenance, and facilitation of the Emergency Operations Center.

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.

The City of Fort Myers will own the Emergency Operations Center and will be the direct recipient of any assistance provided through this fixed capital outlay.

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	This funding will be used for design, permitting, and construction of the first ever City of Fort Myers Emergency Operations Center.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The City of Fort Myers currently does not have a dedicated Emergency Operations Center and must evacuate City Hall during a disaster, which is a barrier to continuity of services. The construction of an Emergency Operations Center will allow for all essential coordination to be conducted in a hardened facility with the necessary capabilities (e.g. meeting space, restrooms, showers, technology) needed to properly prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster.



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

The Emergency Operations Center will provide multi-purpose capability to include Public Works (clearing of right-of-ways providing safe passage for Police, Fire, and Utility crews), Electric Utility (restoring power to residents and businesses), Water Utility (addressing water/sewer pipe issues and storm surge in this coastal community), Fire, Police, and Financial Services.

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

The Emergency Operations Center will help project lives. It will provide a consolidated space for coordination of comprehensive municipal services (e.g. Public Works, Utilities, Information Technology, Law Enforcement, Financial Services, Procurement) and essential community partners (e.g. electric service provider, healthcare partners, NGOs) during emergency and disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to 96,000 City residents, business owners, and visitors.

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

The establishment of a dedicated Emergency Operations Center will directly benefit all 96,000 residents who call City of Fort Myers their home as well as the nearly 4.5M visitors that come to our great city each year. The ability to quickly and effectively recover from disasters is instrumental to our residents returning to normalcy, the our businesses to survive, and our visitors to return.

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

From a population of 88,700 in 2022, to 96,000 in 2024, the City of Fort Myers has experienced an 8.2% population increase marking us as the fastest-growing of the 150 major cities in the country. To date, during natural disasters and emergencies, the City conducts Emergency Operations in borrowed space with other critical services and local businesses. This project will provide for a dedicated consolidated space that will allow for expedited collaboration and decisions to effectively respond to and recover from a disaster.

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?

In addition to the contracting agencies standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in a contract, the repayment of funds would be an additional suggested penalty.

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):

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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.