



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2154

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Minneola seeks funding to construct an additional public safety facility that will serve as a central hub for firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and law enforcement personnel. The facility will be equipped to support these vital public safety teams and provide them with the space and resources necessary to enhance operational efficiency, response times, and service to the community. With dedicated spaces for personnel, equipment storage, and specialized training areas, this facility will ensure a higher level of preparedness and safety for both first responders and the citizens they protect.

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	3,276,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,276,000

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)	3,276,000	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	3,276,000	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?

The ongoing operations and maintenance of the project will be funded through property taxes, providing a stable source of revenue for its long-term sustainability and effective functioning.

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 Minneola will own and oversee the facility, ensuring local management and accountability for its operation and maintenance.

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 estimated cost of building construction is \$8,000,000. The additional costs include site planning, civil engineering, architect design, and site development. A private property owner will donate the land.	3,276,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,276,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the request is to construct a second public safety facility to maintain the service level provided by our public safety personnel for the health, safety, and welfare of our current and future residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Minneola. This facility is needed to maintain the emergency response times to calls for service in the high growth area, including Florida's Turnpike, helping the City's I.S.O. rating which is a crucial factor in property insurance costs.



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

The services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds will be public safety services including fire, emergency medical, and policing services.

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

The direct services that will be provided to the citizens as a result of this funding request will be fire, emergency medical, and policing services.

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

The target population to be served by this project is the general public. Over 10,000 people are expected to be served by this project.

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

The second public safety facility will be strategically placed to decrease travel time to calls for service which is anticipated to improve outcomes for those experiencing a fire, medical, or police emergency. Furthermore, the additional staffing housed within the facility will reduce delays during peak demand periods and when concurrent calls for service occur. This project should improve patient outcomes and reduce crime rates per capita. Patient outcomes are qualitative values that are measurable by metrics currently obtained through the fire department's records management system. Crime rates are quantitative values that are measured by metrics currently obtained through the sheriff's office records management system.

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 construction agreement with the contractor will include a liquidated damages clause for project delays caused by the contractor.

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#:



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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

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