



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2168

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The High Flood Swift Water Rescue Program will enhance the City of Boynton Beach Fire Department's ability to respond effectively to natural disasters, flooding emergencies and storm surge events statewide. The program will establish a comprehensive high flood swift water response system, ensuring the safety and well-being of the community during extreme weather conditions. By procuring the specialized equipment, it will enable the fire department to navigate flooded areas, perform rescues, and deliver critical supplies to affected individuals and families. The High Flood Swift Water Rescue Program will play a critical role in protecting lives and property in these high-risk scenarios, providing rapid response capabilities deployable statewide. This initiative aligns with the commitment to public safety, disaster preparedness, and community resilience, addressing a critical need in the face of increasing risks posed by severe weather and climate change.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
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.



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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	(1) Acela Monterra 6x6 High Water Flood Rescue Truck, (1) ONE Boat 2000 Double-Stack Transport Trailer, (1) R ONE Series 1660 Rescue Boat , (1) R ONE i Series OB-470-R Inflatable rescue boat, water rescue equipment, water rescue related PPE.	500,000
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)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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To procure a High Flood Swift Water Rescue Response Program with 50/50 cost share. To procure the vehicle and vessels needed for rapid response capabilities for swift water rescue missions in the City and statewide during natural disasters that are prone to flooding and storm surge events. The unit will consist of a High-Water Rescue Vehicle along with a double-stack trailer carrying both rigid bottom metal and inflatable rescue boats deployable for natural disasters and to prevent loss of life. The High Water Flood Rescue Unit will play a critical role in protecting lives and property in these high-risk scenarios, providing rapid response capabilities to mitigate the impact of flooding, natural disasters and storm surge events. The Fire Department will establish a comprehensive High Flood Swift Water Rescue Program that will be in a state of preparedness which is crucial for protecting lives, property, and ensuring community resilience during extreme weather events.

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

The Fire Department will establish a comprehensive High Flood Swift Water Rescue Response program as a statewide resource. All FD personal will complete 40 hours of comprehensive training increasing our response capability. Conduct life saving rescue missions statewide ad provide transportation of essential needs to area inaccessible. All training and operating costs will be provided to ensure reliability and readiness. The Fire Department will provide the necessary personnel, training and operating costs to ensure a state of preparedness.

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

The deployment of the High Water Rescue Unit and watercraft during flooding events to rescue stranded individuals and families. The ability to transport essential supplies, such as food, water, and medical aid, to areas inaccessible due to flooding. The ability to assist in evacuation of residents from high-risk zones to safe locations. Ability to collaborate with local and state emergency management agencies to coordinate High water Rescue efforts. This specialized equipment will provide the fire department with the capability to establish a comprehensive High Water Rescue flood response system, enabling swift and efficient operations in flooded and storm-affected areas.

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

Serving the City of Boynton Beach, Florida—a coastal city with a population of approximately 80,000 that is vulnerable to flooding and storm surges. Would be readily available as a statewide resource. The target population would serve but not limited too a diverse group such as the elderly, physically disabled, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless, economically disadvantaged, at-risk-youth, homeless, preschool through college students, and the general population.

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

To be in a state of preparedness as a statewide resource for protecting lives, property, and ensuring community resilience during extreme weather events. The percentage of all fire department personnel that complete the 40 hour comprehensive High water Flood Response System training on implementation will be the methodology to determine the state of preparedness. The percentage of personnel trained will show the state of readiness and the fire department's ability to respond to all High Water Rescue Events.

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?

Return of funds

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):



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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

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)



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- 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

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.