



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2221

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Boca Grande Fire Control District (BGCFD) is requesting funds to replace a ladder truck. The BGCFD has been severely impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Helene & Milton and has responded to fire calls on storm damaged, salt water flooded roads. The cumulative exposure to corrosive elements has now made the fire trucks mechanically unsound; greatly reducing their expected lifespan. The truck spends an inordinate amount of time down due to mechanical repairs which cost is three times the normal amount for repair and maintenance and impacts maintenance on other trucks within the fleet as well. The BDCFD now routinely has a truck out for repair while another one is waiting for repair. This cycle is detrimental to the whole fleet as we are not getting timely routine maintenance and repair.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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)?

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	New Ladder Truck	1,500,000
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)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Requested funds will be used to replace our ladder truck that has become mechanically unreliable due to damage and corrosion from Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton. Replacing the truck will allow the overall fleet to become more reliable as we will be able to repair and maintain the entire fleet in a proper and timely manner. We will also become more fiscally sound as the cost of keeping the ladder truck in service will become manageable. Last year maintenance and repair were more than three times as much for that truck and is steadily rising. The impact on our overall budget from constant storm response and recovery has outstripped our reserve capacity and the short time between storms has not allowed enough time to replenish our reserves.



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

The Truck will be used for:

- Fire Suppression.
- Emergency Medical response.
- Other Emergency responses (rescues, recon, vehicle accidents).
- Mutual Aid for neighboring departments and the State Emergency Response Plan.

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

- Fire Suppression.
- Emergency Medical response.
- Other Emergency responses (rescues, recon, vehicle accidents).
- Mutual Aid for neighboring departments and the State Emergency Response Plan.

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

The roughly 2,000 citizens of the Boca Grande Fire Control District and our visitors. In 2023 we had 956,802 visitors to our State Parks.

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

Protect the general public from harm with fire response, mutual aid and emergency response. A reliable mechanically dependable truck will lower down time, have lower maintenance costs and balance maintenance rotation of fleet.

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?

A performance bond is issued for pre-payment build contracts. If the build is not finished within the contracted timeframe, then the bond can be enforced giving a full refund to the purchaser.

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):

Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton

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) Local Government - Fire Department

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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