



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2226

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The City of Gainesville requests project design funding to establish a new multi-use public safety complex for essential time-sensitive Fire Rescue Hazmat/EMS services. This new center will be situated in a rapidly growing residential and commercial area that requires a new stabilizing presence for public safety and emergency services. The center will also be convenient for our fellow Floridians evacuating from south and central Florida seeking nearby shelter in advance of a major storm, thus serving as a critical staging area for resources and personnel during such crises.

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	1,170,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,170,500</b>

**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)	1,170,500	4%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	28,000,000	96%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>29,170,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?**

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design costs to include structural, landscaping, paving/grading, and drainage plans; additional stormwater management and building permitting fees.	1,170,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,170,500</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

As a critical infrastructure project to be constructed for enhanced operational capacity and resilience of public safety services for the greater SW Gainesville area and visiting state residents, this new "essential facility" (under the FL Building Code and classified as a "Risk Category IV" by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standard 7) will remain fully operational during and after both natural and man-made disasters in a fast-growing area of North Central Florida that demands a new service presence along a state evacuation corridor.

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

Fire rescue emergency services will be provided at this facility.



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

This project will enhance public safety and health by improving emergency response times and community resilience through a centralized public safety complex. It will equip fire rescue and EMS with state-of-the-art facilities, ensuring rapid intervention and reducing exposure to carcinogens for healthier public interactions. Additionally, public education initiatives will boost fire safety and emergency preparedness. These services collectively foster a safer, more informed, and resilient community.

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

The target population served by this project includes both the residents and businesses within the rapidly growing residential and commercial SW area. This encompasses a diverse group of individuals, not only including both local residents of all ages and visitors, including hurricane evacuees.

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

Faster emergency response times and greater capacity to serve the needs of the greater SW Gainesville area, as well as any visiting state residents (including evacuees), will be direct benefits of this project. Emergency response times will be recorded as part of the methodology to measure success.

**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 standard penalties typically enforced by the contracting agency for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures, the following suggested penalties could be considered to ensure accountability and encourage adherence to project goals: **\*\*Mandatory Corrective Action Plans:\*\*** Require the contracting entity to submit and implement a detailed corrective action plan to address performance deficiencies.

**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):**

Enhanced response time and capability in future natural disasters

**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:**



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**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**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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