



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2254

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

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will support the rebuilding of the Woman's Club Clubhouse and Community Building, which was destroyed by Hurricane Ian. In the aftermath of the storm, our fundraising efforts provided over \$730,000 in direct assistance to residents. We remain dedicated to our mission of supporting nonprofit and charitable organizations throughout the Greater Fort Myers Beach area. Since Ian, we have contributed more than \$300,000 to local nonprofits and infused over \$190,000 into the local economy.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,300,000	77%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,300,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** No

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/31/2027

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

Ongoing construction operations and maintenance will be funded through funds already received and committed to the project. Construction start will begin when 69.7% of funds (\$3,000,000) have been received or committed.

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 property (and any future building) is owned by the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club.

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	As a volunteer based organization, 100% of the funds being requested will go to the rebuild of the Woman's Club Clubhouse and Community Building.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The rebuilding of the Woman's Club Clubhouse and Community Building will restore a vital hub for local residents, nonprofits, and visitors. The Clubhouse will be available for local nonprofits to host events, meetings, and outreach programs, ensuring continued support for those in need. We will facilitate programs that provide direct aid, resources, and support to individuals and families.

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



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We will host educational & enrichment activities and create economic & business opportunities by hosting local markets, networking events, and small business workshops, we will help stimulate the local economy and provide valuable resources to entrepreneurs.

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

The rebuilding of the Woman's Club, will provide a Community space, and include a Community Room and separate space for other area nonprofit organizations.

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

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Community is the target population. Our support of other nonprofits, trickles to many individuals. i.e. Supporting FMB Strong - since Hurricane Ian, we have donated more than \$55,000 to their organization, which assists those at need. Supporting FMB Tip Jar - since Hurricane Ian, we have donated more than \$29,000 to their organization, which assists hospitality workers on Fort Myers Beach. These are just some examples. Our fundraisers, support the local business community. Our FMB Pub Passport, implemented after Ian, encouraged people to come back to the Island, and visit operating businesses. Thus supporting the business and its employees. After our recent Putt & Pub Crawl fundraiser, we were told it was the best [business] day they've ever had.

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

The Club will play a crucial role in boosting local economic activity by continuing to host and expand community-driven events that attract residents and visitors. These events foster a strong sense of community and also provide direct economic benefits to local businesses. We will measure quantitative and qualitative data such as Event Participation & Attendance Tracking. Monitor growth in participation year over year to assess increasing community engagement and economic impact. We will review Business Revenue & Engagement Metrics, analyze surveys & feedback, and coordinate direct business involvement. We will track the increase in volunteer participation.

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?

Contract payments will only be made at documented milestones for completed work. Contract termination should Contractor fail to perform any scope of the work, outlined in the Contract.

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):

Hurricane Ian

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



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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.