



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2276

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

4. Project/Program Description

Taylor County (County) requests funds for the construction of a hurricane rated primary fire station. The fire station is currently housed in a WWII hangar at Perry-Foley Airport (Airport). As the Airport has experienced considerable growth the past few years and made numerous improvements with FDOT and FAA funding assistance, the hangar is needed for aviation use. There is a demand for more hangars at the Airport and for a facility that can accommodate aviation related businesses. As a fiscally constrained county, economic growth and development is critically needed. The new station will be in a centralized location in the County on the Airport grounds.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Taylor County Board of Commissioners will own, operate, and maintain the facility. Taylor County will provide the land the facility will be located on.

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.

Taylor County owns, operates, and maintains the facility.

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	All funding will be used for the construction of the Taylor County Fire Rescue primary station. The County will be providing the land and project management services.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal is the construction of new primary fire station to be located at Perry-Foley Airport (Airport). The existing station is located in an old WWII aircraft hangar at the Airport. The new Station will provide adequate equipment storage, and living quarters for the County's full-time firefighters. The facility will enable the Airport to lease the hangar for aviation use, airport growth, and economic development opportunities. The primary station serves all of Taylor County as well as provides mutual aid to the City of Perry and adjacent counties.

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

The station will provide fire protection and emergency support services to the entire County. The facility will serve as the County's primary Station. Though County owned, the fire station will be located just south of the central business district of the City of Perry. Numerous businesses and industry are located within 1/2 mile of the Station. The station will be located less than 1/4 mile from US 19 a key roadway. Perry-Foley Airport is a general aviation airport that serves as a regional disaster recovery staging area.

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

Direct services will be the provision of fire protection and emergency response services to the entire County in a centralized location. The new Station will also enable the County to use the aircraft hangar fire rescue is currently located in for aviation and economic development purposes. The County does have other hangars located at Perry Foley airport however, they are all leased (and consistently stay leased) and they are not sufficient to accommodate larger aircraft or an aviation related business.

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

The target population is the entire County (21,582). The Station will serve all areas of the County as well as provide mutual aid to the City of Perry. Mutual aid is also provided when so needed to the adjacent counties of Dixie, Lafayette, Madison and Jefferson.

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

The benefit is an adequate facility to serve as the primary fire station for the County. The facility will have storage for vehicles, equipment, and apparatus as well as living quarters for full time firefighters. The new facility will also enable the Airport to use the hangar the Station is currently located in for aviation purposes and economic development. The Airport has experienced considerable growth over the years and made numerous improvements with FDOT and FAA funding assistance and there is a great deal of need for the hangar.

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 County will move forward immediately with the facility design when funding is secured. All deliverable and performance measures will be met per contract timelines and requirements. The County owns the land where the facility will be located. The County will provide project management services.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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



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- 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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.