



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2322

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Wakulla County (County) seeks funds for contractual engineering/design, site work and construction services to build a 4,270 sq. ft. fire rescue facility on County owned property located on Shell Point Road just south of US Highway 98 in this Rural Area of Opportunity. Once built, this local fire rescue facility will include 2 bays, kitchen and sleeping quarters located outside of the floodplain and out of flood danger, to eliminate risk of coastal flooding due to severe weather/natural disasters and the impacts of sea level rise. New facility will provide optimum coverage, improved response times and reliable emergency services to serve visitors, citizens, residents and the business community. Protects life, health, safety and property; Improves/maintains ISO rating; addresses the Public Safety Plan, Local Mitigation Strategy and the Adopted Infrastructure Plan.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

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)	2,100,000	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	2,100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	2,100,000	2496A	Yes

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.



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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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

General Budget

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.

Wakulla County is the owner 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual engineering/design, site work and construction.	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000

13. Program Performance

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

Goal is to protect, save lives and property. Funds to be used for contractual engineering/design, site work and construction of a 4,270 sq. ft. fire rescue station on a County owned parcel built outside flood plain, out of flood danger due to severe weather and the impacts of sea level rise on Shell Point Road south of US 98. Station to include 2 bays, kitchen and sleeping quarters. Residents/citizens/business community will be provided with optimum coverage and improved emergency services and response times. Maintain/improve ISO rating. Addresses Public Safety Master Plan, Local Mitigation Strategy and Adopted Infrastructure Plan.



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

To seek contractual engineering/design, site work, and construction services through the County's competitive procurement process.

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

Direct services to citizens is to provide reliable/efficient fire, rescue and emergency services in a nearby local facility in order to protect life, health, safety and property of citizenry, residents and the business community located in this Rural Area of Opportunity; cost savings through improved insurance ratings

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

Greater than 37,000 individuals in this rural area of opportunity. .

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

Once constructed the new facility will provide for substantially improved fire rescue services and response times, optimum coverage and have the ability to offer additional emergency services in the event of a disaster. Benefit is protection of life, health, safety of citizenry, visitors, business community and property. Maintain/improve ISO rating, reduce insurance costs with nearby/local emergency fire rescue services in this Rural Area of Opportunity. Addresses the Public Safety Plan, Local Mitigation Strategy and the Adopted Infrastructure Plan. Completion and certification of the project.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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):

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



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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