



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2377

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

4. Project/Program Description

St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue seeks funding to replace the fire station that was completely destroyed by Hurricanes Helene and Milton with a new facility designed to meet FEMA compliance standards. This station is critical for housing first responders serving the southern end of the city. Rebuilding will strengthen emergency response, enhance resilience, and ensure the fire department can protect the community against future storms

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 | 3,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,000,000 |

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) | 3,000,000 | 60% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 2,000,000 | 40% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 5,000,000 | 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 | | |
| 2023-24 | 0 | 2,000,000 | | No |

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



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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? 11/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2026

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

City of St. Pete Beach General Fund.

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.

Local Government, City of St. Pete Beach

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 | Facility design and engineering. Reconstruction and furnishing of a new fire station. | 3,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Replace the fire station that was completely destroyed by Hurricanes Helene and Milton with a new facility designed to meet FEMA compliance standards. This station is critical for housing first responders serving the southern end of the city. Rebuilding will strengthen emergency response, enhance resilience, and ensure the fire department can protect the community against future storms

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



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The new station will house fire apparatus, firefighter quarters, and administrative offices. It will provide public outreach, education, and continuing training for fire personnel. Emergency Management staff will use EOC space to restore services quickly after disasters. Elevated above the floodplain, the facility ensures immediate operation and resilience for the community.

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

This elevated, hardened facility will serve as an EMS/Fire response station and Emergency Operations Center during disasters. It enables first responders to return to the barrier island and provide critical services as soon as flooding recedes. Currently, only a temporary public safety facility exists to conduct lifesaving operations immediately after a storm or disaster.

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

The residents and visitors of St. Pete Beach.

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

The facility will improve the community's health by ensuring faster response times, particularly for fire suppression and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services. Built to withstand severe weather, it provides uninterrupted operations during disasters, reducing delays in medical care and fire protection. Modern facilities also enhance safety for first responders, ensuring reliable service delivery. The benefit of the facility can be measured by tracking response times, comparing pre/post construction data to ensure faster emergency services. Metrics like incident outcomes, community satisfaction surveys, and operational continuity during severe weather events will demonstrate its impact. Additionally, compliance with safety codes and infrastructure resilience will reflect its effectiveness.

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?

Monies would be reverted to the state.

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):

Hurricane 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#:

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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