



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2405

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

4. Project/Program Description

Sebring Fire Department seeks to acquire a fire department aerial ladder truck as it is a critical investment needed to enhance firefighting effectiveness. The current aerial ladder, which is over 20 years old, provides the necessary height to reach elevated areas, which allows firefighters to access upper floors or roofs in the event of a fire, and reduces the risks for both victims and responders. This truck is in need of replacement due to its age and drastically increased maintenance costs that could negatively impact response times if unable to respond when needed.

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 | 1,500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,500,000 |

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) | 1,500,000 | 75% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 500,000 | 25% |
| 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.

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 |
|--|---|------------------|
| 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 | Purchase aerial ladder truck for use in fire and emergency response incidents requiring an elevated response. | 1,500,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | N/A | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,500,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this funding is to replace a fire apparatus that is past its serviceable life expectancy in order to reliably respond to public emergencies which will save lives in the City of Sebring as well as neighboring communities. This project supports our goal of zero lives lost due to fire.

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

The purchase of an aerial ladder truck to fight fires on multiple story buildings and to function as an observation platform for incident command of emergencies covering a large area. This purchase will support all residents of Highlands County through our mutual aid agreements.



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

Emergency, Life-Saving, Firefighting services will be provided to all residents and visitors in Sebring city limits, specifically and throughout Highlands County when called upon through mutual aid agreements.

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

All residents in the area will benefit from this life-saving apparatus. The population of Highlands County is almost 110,000 people.

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

Maintain response times that are shorter than average with a reliable apparatus and maintain zero loss of life in fire to the residents of Sebring and our surrounding communities. Collected data will be compared with previous years as collected and reported through NFIRS.

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?

Equipment will be purchased and State Fire Marshall Audits will track and audit statistics. Reimbursement of funds to the state would be appropriate if deliverables are not met.

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):

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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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

d. Phone Number



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