



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2407

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Okeechobee seeks funds for its public safety facility. The facility is set to serve as a command center for police, public works, and the general services department as need has been heightened by Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton due to the volume of evacuees from the coasts and the demands and needs for our local community located in a rural area of opportunity. Resilience improvements include replacement of openings with storm rated and approved doors/windows, hardening of exterior structural defects, upgrading the HVAC system, along with addressing security concerns, i.e., security software, entry/exit modifications and strengthening the building for disaster preparedness compliance.

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	2,000,000
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? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,200,000	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?

11-1-2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

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

General Revenue

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 City 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 architectural/engineering, administration, project management & construction services for resilience improvements to replace openings with storm rated, approved doors/windows, hardening of exterior structural defects, upgrading the HVAC system, along with security-related needs, i.e., software, entry/exit modifications & strengthening the building for disaster preparedness compliance.	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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Goal is to protect and save lives/property. Funds to be used for contractual architectural/engineering, administration, project management and construction services to address hardening of City-owned Public Safety Building, which will serve as additional Command Center for police, public works and the general services department and will address over flow needs for County 1st Responders in this financially disadvantage municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Seek contractual engineering/design, administration, project management & construction services. Facility will serve as an Command Center for police, public works, and the general services department and as additional shelter for County 1st responders during and after disaster events. Demand increased due to volume of evacuees experienced from Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton.

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

Direct services to City and County citizens is to provide continual, efficient emergency services in a safe, hardened local facility from which to protect life, health, safety & property of citizenry, residents, visitors & the business community; reduced insurance costs & less damage to property in this financial disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Target population in this rural area of opportunity is the residents, visitors, evacuees, citizens. Individuals expected to be served is approximately 1,500 to 2,000.

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

Expected benefit is improved public safety services, protect the general public from harm efficiently and effectively in a safe, hardened facility where first responders and emergency personnel can operate and function during severe storm events and for general public safety services to be conducted in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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



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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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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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.