



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2645

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Valparaiso purchased a historic building in 2021 to convert into a new municipal building which will contain, City Hall and Commission Chambers. Renovations are in progress. Funds will be used for building improvements to to make the building compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act including a commercial elevator, stair modifications, ramps and automated doors. In addition, funds will enable structural enhancements , HVAC, and construction to enclose an atrium, expanding the second floor for more usable office space. Any excess office space will be leased to tenants to allow commercial development or support of known office space deficiency on Eglin AFB.

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	450,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>450,000</b>

**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)	450,000	64%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	36%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2/10/2022

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/27/2026

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

The City of Valparaiso will fund O&M.

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 of Valparaiso owns the building.

### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Materials, elevator car, labor Engineering and Architect plans	450,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>450,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The City Hall will be ADA compliant, handicapped accessible, including the second floors which might contain city agencies or tenant. Offering space to tenants will generate revenue which will be used to maintain the building. The close proximity of Eglin AFB and known lack of office space for their growing missions allow improved community partnership between Valparaiso and the Air Force.

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



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The architectural and engineering services will improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The construction of a structurally sound elevator shaft and the installation of an elevator car, along with other related enhancements, are crucial for ensuring that City Hall is accessible.

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

Ensuring that City Hall is accessible allows individuals with disabilities to engage fully in civic activities, such as attending meetings and conducting business. This is an important step toward inclusivity and ensuring that all citizens can participate in local governance.

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

Valparaiso population of 4,752 will all be able to access this building. The 2nd floor existing space plus expansion adds 20,000 square feet of office space which could be used for 50 or more workers.

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

The demand for housing in the Niceville/Valparaiso areas continues to grow and as population density increases so will the use of this building. According to public records, the Air Force missions on Eglin AFB are increasing in size and variety for the foreseeable future. The possibility of either federal tenants or aerospace companies is very favorable. The outcome will be measured by the successful installation of these building improvements

**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?**

No failures anticipated. Building construction is on-going.

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)?



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- Yes, Applied
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**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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