



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2652

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will impact the citizens and tourists of Okaloosa County by providing an aerial apparatus with greater capabilities than the District's current 22 year old apparatus. The new apparatus will have increased reach ability of 100 feet as opposed to the current 75 feet. It will also be able to carry 400 gallons of water, doubling the current ladder truck capacity. It will also ease taxpayer costs by reducing the cost of maintenance. The district has already funded \$500,000 of the project and would be required to budget the remainder of the project should the project not be funded.

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	713,280
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>713,280</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)	713,280	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	713,279	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,426,559</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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?  No

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)?** Yes

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 01/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/14/2025

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

Okaloosa Island Fire Department is a Special District and is funded through taxpayer contributions including maintenance of its fleet of apparatus.

**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.**

Okaloosa Island Fire Department would receive funds and remit payment to the vendor Sutphen. Sutphen is a family owned manufacturer of Fire apparatus made in the USA.

**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	Purchase of a Sutphen 100' aerial ladder truck capable of carrying 400 gallons of water.	713,280
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>713,280</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The District will purchase a Sutphen 100' Aerial ladder truck to replace its current 2002 Pierce 75' ladder truck. The new truck will be capable of carrying 400 gallons of water as opposed to the current 200 gallons, offering greater capabilities in the incidents of fires. Its greater reach ability will not only create a safer working platform, but will provide reach to areas previously unable.

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



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The focus of this project will be to provide greater Fire and Rescue capabilities to the community and tourists of Okaloosa County.

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

The new ladder truck will provide a greater reach ability than the department's current 2002 75' ladder truck with only 200 gallons of available tank water. The Sutphen SPH 100' will have 400 gallons of available tank water and 100' aerial bucket.

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

The target population served by this project are the residents and tourists visiting Okaloosa County. The population fluctuation varies greatly as seasonal visitors wane and surge regularly throughout the year. Some ranges vary between 10,000 to 25,000 during the year.

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

Improved mental and physical health will be measured directly through call volume and outcome of events the apparatus responds to. Environmental benefits include greater reach to assist in the untangling of protected wildlife within the District. Greater ability to reach victims will be measured by the outcomes of calls where its abilities are required. Cost reduction to taxpayers will be measured by the Districts reduction in it's maintenance budgeted line item.

**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?**

Penalties would equate to a delay of payment until project completed. Performance measures are warranted through the company to meet apparatus standards.

**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:**



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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**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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