



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2754

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The expanded Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Cape Coral will enhance the city's ability to respond to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding, or severe storms. The funding will be used to upgrade infrastructure, communication systems, and resource coordination capabilities, allowing for quicker disaster response and recovery efforts. This will ensure faster deployment of resources, improved coordination among agencies, and better support for affected residents during an emergency.

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	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,000,000

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)	9,000,000	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	18,000,000	36%
Local	23,000,000	46%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	50,000,000	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		
2024-25	0	9,000,000	2472	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.

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		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	Funding will be utilized for design, permitting or construction of the Cape Coral Emergency Operations Center expansion.	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The Cape Coral EOC expansion will improve coordination during all-hazards emergency responses, supporting all phases of disaster management. Through an interlocal agreement with Lee County, the City provides essential emergency services to the community. The expanded EOC will enhance response times, communication, and resource allocation, ensuring better preparedness and recovery.

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

The expanded Cape Coral EOC will provide direct services such as enhanced disaster response coordination, resource management, and communication during emergencies. It will also serve as a hub for emergency preparedness training, offering local residents and organizations access to training sessions and resources to improve readiness for all types of disasters, ensuring a more resilient community.

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

The target population is the entire Cape Coral community and more than 200,000 residents will be served.

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

The expanded Emergency Operations Center will consolidate emergency and disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. It will provide a hardened facility equipped with the essential capabilities—such as meeting space, restrooms, showers, and advanced technology—to ensure effective coordination, preparation, response, and recovery during and after a disaster. The level of benefit to the community will be measured by tracking the number of preparedness activities and outreach events held at the expanded Emergency Operations Center.

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?

The City will return any funding.

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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