



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2826

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane hardening of an existing city gymnasium in order to provide a secure shelter for local residents and seasonal campground and marina visitors. This project would create the city's only hurricane-proof shelter.

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	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</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)	2,500,000	98%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	2%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>2,550,000</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.

### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/30/2027

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

City of Pahokee Annual Parks & Recreation and General Fund budget.

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.

City of Pahokee

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	Strengthening of existing gymnasium structure and infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events including structural, mechanical and electrical engineering surveys prior to adequate roof, window, door replacement, exterior drainage, landscaping and electrical equipment.	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the requested funds is to provide a secure shelter for local residents and visitors at the marina and campground during storm and hurricane activities. Given that the City of Pahokee has direct access to Lake Okeechobee, this proposed hardening project will create the city's only hurricane-proof shelter, ensuring safety and protection for the community in times of crisis.

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



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Provide shelter during storm/hurricane for those in need of a safe place to reside if the need to evacuate substandard housing. It will also serve as a safe place for the homeless and other vulnerable populations during times of need for safe sheltering.

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

A hurricane-proof shelter for use when needed during inclement weather.

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

Local residents and those residents who seasonally reside at the city of Pahokee's managed campground and marina.

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

Provide shelter during storm/hurricane/inclement weather for those in need of a safe place to reside if the need to evacuate sub-standard housing. It will also serve as a safe place for homeless and other vulnerable populations during times of need for safe sheltering.

**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?**

In the event the City does not meet deliverables or performance measures, all unused funds will be returned to the State, and no further requests will be made for this project.

**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



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- Yes, Received
- No
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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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