



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2829

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The County has no emergency shelter rated for 140 MPH winds which are associated with a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir–Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. The last three hurricanes to hit Jefferson were Categories 3 and 4. If funded, the County will build a shelter on land it owns and will outfit it to also serve as a community space adjacent to and managed by the public library. Cooling areas will be included, and the space will provide heated space to those who need it during extreme cold. The interior will have portable walls to configure for different uses and the exterior will feature two basketball courts for public use.

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 | 4,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 4,000,000 |

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) | 4,000,000 | 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 | 4,000,000 | 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 | | |
| | | | | |

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2027

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

Maintenance duties will fall under existing County employees' normal scope of duties.

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 building site is owned by the taxpayers of Jefferson County and maintained by county employees under the direction of the County Manager and the Board of County Commissioners.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | There are no additional administrative costs related to this project. It will be managed by current county staff. | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | N/A | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | N/A | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Cost of architectural plans for this project are included in this estimate. No further planning costs are necessary. | 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 | Construction of a Multi-Purpose Community Shelter includes demolition of existing condemned building, design plans, site prep, materials, contractor fees and construction execution. | 4,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 4,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.); Improve physical health; Improve mental health; Increase cost-free public space for community use (individuals, organizations, businesses, etc.).

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



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Citizens will avoid health risks resulting from exposure to extreme heat or cold. Evacuees will avoid risk to life and limb while at the shelter during natural disasters; Citizens will avoid health risks resulting from exposure to extreme heat or cold. Evacuees will avoid risk to life and limb while at the shelter during natural disasters; Citizens will have peace of mind knowing that the appropriate wind rated space, appropriately heated or cooled, is open and available to them during extreme weather events. Recreation/physical activities improve affect and emotional state of participants; Organizations will have an additional free option for meetings, projects, outreach events and special programming. Current community space is very limited, and many sites charge a rental fee or cannot host large groups.

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

This multi-purpose structure will primarily host natural disaster evacuees and those needing safe temperatures during extreme heat and cold, and during power outages. Additionally, the cost-free space will be used for community group meetings, county and library programming and outreach events, local organization meetings, etc. Exterior recreation space will be enjoyed by youth and adults alike as there are no recreation courts in the city center withing walking distance of families residing in city limits.

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

No singular target population is identified, but this multi-purpose structure will primarily host natural disaster evacuees and those needing safe temperatures during extreme heat and cold, and during power outages. Additionally, the cost-free space will be used for community group meetings, county and library programming and outreach events, local organization meetings, etc. Exterior recreation space will be enjoyed by youth and adults alike.

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

Key benefits of this project relate primarily to public safety. A shelter that can withstand 140 MPH winds, characteristic of a Category 4 hurricane already experienced in Jefferson County, is a necessity for the safety of our citizens. Frequent extended periods of power outages during natural disasters, and outages when no disaster occurs, necessitates pre-planning for cooling and heating space for affected residents. The County can measure the benefit to residents by tracking usage numbers and administering simple surveys to users, which is key to improving services in an ongoing fashion. We will also solicit services evaluations from other stakeholders including referring organizations such as The Sheriff's Office, local schools and the Department of Health, and faith-based entities as well.

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?

If Jefferson County fails to provide services outlined in the scope of work at the appropriate phases, funding should be withheld and the County would expect that we would not be considered for future project funding in the subsequent funding cycle.

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



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- 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
- 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)



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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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