



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2830

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request will be for a state-of-the-art EOC hardened facility to replace a 60 year old re-purposed building. The new EOC will be safe and accessible for public and service personnel. It will be the headquarters for county fire and EMS services, as well as county Emergency Management. The current facility was originally a shop classroom at an old high school. The current building was damaged during hurricane Helene and is unsafe for continued use in future weather events. Moreover, the current facility is a re-purposed school originally constructed in the 1960's and does not meet modern standards.

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	6,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,400,000

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)	6,400,000	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	6,400,000	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	850,000	2234	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.



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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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Project will require limited maintenance and upkeep once construction is complete. County budget should be sufficient for upkeep and maintenance on the facility.

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.

Hamilton County.

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	Request funding for construction of a new Emergency Operations Center that would house all Emergency Operations within the borders of Hamilton County. Planning/ Engineering are complete these funds are requested for construction related costs.	6,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,400,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

All county emergency management activities will be located at the facility. Providing a safe, secure central facility will provide necessary emergency activities during hurricanes, fires, and other local emergencies. Additionally, space will be provided for a hardened shelter in the event of inclement weather events.

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

All county emergency management activities will be located at the facility (Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management). Also, there will be hardened shelter facilities available for community members to utilize during weather events.

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

This facility will serve the entire population of Hamilton County, some 14,000 people.

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

Facility will provide safe, secure, organized, centralized location for emergency response to weather events and other disasters, as well as provide a centralized location for many of the county's emergency services to meet and train, thus providing better communication and coordination. This coordination will also provide decreased response times and increased organizational capacities to better serve the community. Also, the facility will be safer for both first responders and the public.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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):

Hurricane Helene

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#:



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.