



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2873

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

St. Lucie County was devastated by six confirmed tornadoes spawned by Hurricane Milton. This led to widespread destruction across the County and resulted in six tornado-related fatalities and one storm related fatality. A proper unified command vehicle will significantly improve emergency response capabilities by enabling faster decision-making, better coordination, more efficient deployment of resources, and ultimately saving lives by reducing recovery times during disasters.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	100%

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)?

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	Purchase a unified command vehicle which is a specially designed vehicle equipped with advanced technology and communication systems that functions as portable operations center for emergency response, disaster management, and large-scale events. This vehicle provides a centralized hub where responders and decision-makers can coordinate, communicate, and manage resources in real time.	1,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

A unified command vehicle provides numerous benefits to support response and recovery operations such as 1) allowing quick deployment to incidents, ensuring immediate response capabilities, 2) serve as a hub for emergency personnel to coordinate strategies and responses, 3) provides connectivity (satellite, radio, and cellular systems) in areas where traditional network is unavailable, 4) facilitates the seamless exchange of data, including live video feeds, GIS Mapping, and situational updates.



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

This vehicle provides a centralized hub where responders and decision-makers can coordinate, communicate, and manage resources on site and in real time for emergency response, disaster management, and large-scale events.

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

Coordination and deployment of immediate needs resources to residents affected by a human-made or natural disaster.

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

>800

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

1. Rapid Deployment to affected area - Bring decision-makers and emergency personnel directly to incident site for faster response reducing delays in assessing situation and deploying resources to protect and assist the public.
2. Enhanced communication and coordination - Provides reliable communication channels to stay connected even when traditional infrastructure is damaged.
3. Operational independence - Functions autonomously with its own power supply, climate control, and communications systems.
4. Visible presence for public confidence - Reassures the public that professionals are managing the situation effectively.
5. Mitigation of further harm - Prevents miscommunication or delays in addressing life-threatening situation and ensures ongoing risk monitoring (e.g. additional weather events, etc.) to preemptively protect the public.
6. Resource and personnel management - Provides a base for organizing relief efforts such as food and commodities distribution and medical aid.

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?

Funds returned.

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 Milton

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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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