



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3083

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Punta Gorda is seeking legislative assistance to purchase a Lenco BearCat G3 High Water Rescue and a Fat Truck vehicle. It is a combined armored personnel carrier and high water rescue vehicle. During Hurricane Helene, the North Port Police Department provided us with their Bearcat High Water Rescue vehicle. The vehicle is enclosed and allowed for rescuing multiple people at one time in addition to room enough for four officers. It has a seating capacity for 10-12 people. The vehicle is able to traverse through 40 inches of standing water. The Fat Truck vehicle is amphibious and traverses from water to land seamlessly.

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	581,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	581,000

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)	581,000	89%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	71,000	11%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	652,000	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)?

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 of a Fat Truck 2.8 Wagon 223,000 Purchase of a BearCat 358,000	581,000
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)		581,000

13. Program Performance

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

Public Safety is our number one concern and having the right equipment is crucial to fulfilling that responsibility. Having to rely on outside agencies and their resources puts a time delay on critical responses as well as the possibility of not receiving those resources if the outside agency were affected by the same storm. The Fat Truck and BearCat provide capabilities that are essential for responding to critical, life-threatening situations.

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



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Purchase of a Fat Truck and BearCat vehicles for water rescues.

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

The vehicles provide a safe means of transport for rescue teams when dealing with threats in an area where ordinary vehicles are vulnerable. Having an amphibious vehicle allows rescuers the ability to respond in a timely manner without having to wait for waters to recede.

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

City of Punta Gorda residents, business owners and visitors. Approximately 20,461 people.

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

It is imperative to life safety that we obtain high water rescue vehicles to ensure we are able to navigate storm surge and heavy rain events to provide life safety to our citizens. Outcomes will be measured by number of residents rescued.

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?

Pull back funding for vehicles.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

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#:

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



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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

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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