



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3089

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

DeSoto County (County) seeks funds for the construction of a basic fire rescue training tower on County owned property to provide critical skills training to the 47 firefighter/EMT's and/or Medics employed by the County. The County has land in highly visible area and wished to construction a fire training tower for active training. DeSoto County has three fire stations and actively trains regularly on the emergency medical services side. The County first responders respond to many fires, but does not have access to live or simulated fire training within a distance that allows for proper training opportunities. Constructing a fire training tower will provide the necessary training to ensure first responders are well-equipped to safely fight fires.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,200,000	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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/30/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/15/2026

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

Public Safety operating 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.

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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	Construction of fire tower on county property	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

First responder fire fighting training for DeSoto County Fire Rescue, which serves the County and the City of Arcadia as a sole service provider.

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

Active fire/smoke and/or simulated fire training for real life experience in a controlled and safe setting to practice safe firefighting tactics and life saving measures that mimic real situations, such as locating and removing human beings.



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

Well trained and well prepared firefighters responding to fire calls and certified training to positively impact our Insurance Service Rating (ISO) to offset rapidly rising homeowners insurance costs.

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

Full population of DeSoto County, approximately 35,000 people. The fire department also provides service to neighboring counties through mutual service agreements and through emergency activations to various areas of the state.

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

The benefit is better prepared firefighters for the safety of the responders and the victims of fire. The methodology to measure effectiveness would include increased fire fighting efficiency, less accidents, an an increase in firefighter confidence and physical preparedness.

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?

Funding deobligation

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
- 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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