



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3093

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hardee County requests funds to purchase two brush fire trucks to replace old, unreliable existing inventory in order to efficiently and effectively save lives, protect property and the environment located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. Wildland fire engine or brush fire trucks are the vehicles that transports firefighters, essential equipment and water to respond to wildfires. The trucks are designed and have the ability to drive in rough terrain to respond to a fire or a rescue situation.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	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)	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	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		

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.

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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase two brush fire trucks	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

Purchase two brush fire trucks to replace old, unreliable existing inventory in order to efficiently and effectively save lives, protect property and the environment. Wildland fire engine or brush fire trucks are the vehicles that transports firefighters, necessary equipment and water to respond to wildfires. The trucks are designed and have the ability to drive in rough terrain to respond to a fire or a rescue situation.

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

Purchase two brush fire trucks adhering to the County's procurement policy and procedures that will replace old, unreliable equipment in order to provide necessary emergency fire suppression services to efficiently serve citizens and the community in this Rural Area of Opportunity.



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

Direct services to citizens is to protect lives, save properties and the environment with the appropriate fire fighting equipment that is reliable and dependable to efficiently serve citizens and the community in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Hardee County is a financially disadvantaged community (Ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes), citizenry, visitors, tourists, business community and surrounding areas. Greater than 27,000 expected to be served.

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

The benefit of replacing the old and unreliable inventory is protection of the general public, properties and the environment from harm and for continued effective and efficient operations of the Hardee County Fire Rescue Department with dependable, adequate and appropriate equipment to continue performing its critical public safety functions. Delivery and operations of new equipment.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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



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- Yes, Received
- No
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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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