



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3096

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project is to seek architectural/engineering design, bidding, permitting, administration, project management, engineering during construction and construction services for a City-owned Public Safety Facility that will serve the community with essential public services efficiently and effectively. Hardened facility will house essential first responders including electrical line men housing and operations, mutual aid functions with fire, police, EMS, tree trimmers emergency operations in this financially disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). The need for this facility was evident during Jan where 1st responders/ essential workers were living & cots/gear were spread throughout City Hall/Finance/hallways & staff was located in other areas & buildings within the City.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

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?

General 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.

City of Wauchula is the owner 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual architectural/engineering, bidding, permitting, administration, project management, engineering during construction and construction services.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Specific purpose is to protect & save lives/property with hardening of City-owned Public Safety Facility to include electrical line crews housing & operations, mutual aid functions with fire, police, EMS, tree trimmers essential emergency operations in this financially disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) to serve citizenry with essential public services efficiently and effectively. The need for this facility was evident during Ian where 1st responders/ essential workers were living & cots/gear were spread throughout City Hall/ Finance/hallways & staff was located in other areas & buildings within the City.

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

Seek contractual architectural/engineering design, bidding, administration, engineering during construction, project management & construction services through the City's procurement process. Facility will serve citizenry with essential first responders including electrical line men housing and operations, mutual aid functions with fire, police, EMS, tree trimmers, etc.

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

Direct services to citizens in local facility from which to provide efficient emergency services in order to protect life, health, safety & property of citizenry, residents, visitors and the business community; reduced insurance costs & less damage to property in this Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

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

The target population in this rural area of opportunity is residents, visitors, elderly persons, students, economically disadvantaged persons, the general public, and the surrounding areas. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000 people.

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

Expected benefit is completion and certification of the project. Operations of essential emergency and public services in appropriate safe facility that include first responders including electrical line men, mutual aid functions with fire, police, EMS, tree trimmers. The need for this facility was evident during Ian where 1st responders/ essential workers were living & cots/gear were spread throughout City Hall/Finance/hallways & staff was located in other areas & buildings within the City. Improved quality of education with enhanced hands-on opportunities for the South Florida State College Electrical Lineworker Career Certificate program.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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



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- 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
- 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)



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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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