1. Project Title Bartow Fire Rescue Station and Training Facility Feasibility Study

2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 2/7/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Bartow (City) seeks funding for contractual services for a feasibility study that provides data driven analysis relevant for fire rescue station and training facility identifying current/future demands, staffing, alternate sites (existing station built in 1960 leaks, mold issues, antiquated), growing population for City to make informed decisions for emergency fire rescue, EMS, Special and Hazardous Material operations and trainings in order to ensure protection of life, health and safety of all citizenry, first responders, residential/commercial and Federal/State/local properties, agricultural industry. Bartow is Polk County's Capital City that provides public safety services for local, regional, state and Federal buildings and surrounding communities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	**1,350,000**

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)	1,350,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	10%
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

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	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional contractual architectural/engineering services to conduct a feasibility study.	1,350,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		**1,350,000**

13. Program Performance

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

The City of Bartow's (City) goal is to protect, save lives and property with appropriate fire rescue emergency and training facilities. Funds used for a feasibility study that is needed to analyze and provide the City with relevant data to make informed decisions to the fire department's future staffing, facility's needs for appropriate public safety fire rescue emergency services and training to efficiently and effectively house, train and conduct life-saving emergency services. Current station is antiquated, built in 1960 leaks, has mold issues, and is inadequate for the current demands.

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

Activities include seeking professional architectural/engineering services adhering to the City's procurement policies and procedures to conduct a feasibility study.

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

Once the study is completed, the City will move forward based on data driven results with the appropriate location/design for a fire rescue station and training facility to provide efficient and effective fire rescue emergency services to ensure protection of life, health and safety of the citizenry, residential/commercial properties, including regional, State, Federal and local government properties and the environment.

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

The target population is the City of Bartow which serves Polk County's Capital City, citizenry, visitors and travelers including Regional, Federal and State offices, agencies, properties and buildings, which are tax exempt creating a reduction of revenue that is needed to adequately serve its citizenry and surrounding communities. It is estimated more than 100,000 individuals are 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?

Expected benefit is a completed study that provides data driven analysis for the appropriate size and location for the City of Bartow to make informed decision to provide public safety emergency services, housing and training of first responders in order to address the current/future demands, growing population on a daily basis and during severe emergency disaster storm events.

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? No

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 infastructure)

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

☐ 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

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18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	City of Bartow
b. Municipality and County	Polk

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	Jay	**Last Name**	Robinson
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