



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3120

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hendry County (County) is requesting funding to construct a new public safety facility in LaBelle to replace the current EMS station. The current station was built in 1991 and is in need of extensive repairs. Due to the age and condition of the building, public safety crews cannot stage in the station during hurricanes and the cost to harden the current structure would exceed that of a new and improved station. The new station will have the capacity to house not only EMS, but also fire and Sheriff's personnel as needed and will allow for faster response times for our constituents during emergencies on blue sky days as well as hurricane events. As a rural community, Hendry County needs the ability to better facilitate response times in emergencies for life safety purposes.

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	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

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)	7,000,000	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	7,000,000	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?

12/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/1/2027

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

Hendry County general revenue fund allocated to public safety.

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.

Hendry County

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	Planning, design & engineering services, and construction	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Construction of a new public safety station in LaBelle.

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

Increased Fire, EMS, and Sheriff's deputy coverage while allowing emergency personnel to stage in their stations during a major storm event which is not possible at this time due to current facility not rated for storm events.



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

Construction of the station will provide faster emergency response times to residents and visitors on blue sky days as well as during a major storm event.

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

Hendry County has a population of approximately 40,000 residents.

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

Faster emergency response times. This will be measured by showing when a call is placed to 9-1-1 and the time it takes for responders to get to the scene of the incident.

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?

Revocation of state funding.

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 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
- No



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.