



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3174

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Brooker Fire Station project involves the construction of a fully equipped fire station to serve the Brooker community, which currently lacks fire coverage. The station will be strategically located to reduce response times from an average of 15 minutes to under eight minutes, ensuring quicker emergency responses for fire suppression, medical emergencies, and rescue operations. The station will house fire and EMS personnel, as well as storage for firefighting equipment and vehicles. It will also provide a base for community education programs and public safety outreach. This project aims to enhance public safety, improve emergency response times, and foster community well-being through better access to emergency services.

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 | 850,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 850,000 |

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) | 850,000 | 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 | 850,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2024-25 | 0 | 506,096 | 2496A | No |

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4/1/2026

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

Ad valorem taxes. County budget allocation. Possible fire assessment fee.

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.

The Town of Brooker is the requesting entity and will be the owner of the facility. Bradford County will support this facility by providing personnel and equipment for ongoing operations and maintenance.

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 | Complete design, engineering, site work, and construction of fire station. | 850,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 850,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will be used to construct a new fire station in Brooker, establishing essential fire and emergency medical services for the area. The goal is to reduce emergency response times from 15 minutes to under eight minutes, ensuring timely and effective intervention in fires, medical emergencies, and accidents. This station will also enhance community safety through fire prevention education, improve emergency preparedness, and provide a base for local emergency response teams. Ultimately, the purpose is to safeguard lives, property, and the environment while supporting community resilience.

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

The funds will be used to build and equip the Brooker Fire Station, enabling rapid response to fires, medical emergencies, and rescue operations. It will reduce response times, minimize property damage, and improve public safety. The station will also offer community education on fire prevention and emergency preparedness, while providing ongoing training for fire and EMS personnel to maintain effective response capabilities. This project will enhance safety and well-being in the Brooker community.

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

The appropriation will directly provide citizens in Brooker with faster emergency response times, including fire suppression, medical services, and rescue operations. It will also offer fire safety education and emergency preparedness programs to enhance community awareness. The station will serve as a local hub for emergency services, ensuring residents have immediate access to trained professionals and life-saving resources, ultimately improving public safety and well-being.

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

The target population served by this project is the residents of Brooker and the surrounding areas, including individuals, families, and local businesses. This includes all ages, with a focus on ensuring rapid emergency response and enhanced public safety for those in need of fire, medical, or rescue services. The project will also benefit visitors and travelers passing through the area by reducing response times and improving overall community preparedness. Approximately 29,000 citizens.

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

The expected benefit of this project is a significant reduction in emergency response times, from an average of 15 minutes to under five minutes, leading to improved outcomes in fire suppression, medical interventions, and rescue operations. This will enhance public safety, reduce property damage, and save lives. The outcome will be measured by tracking response times before and after the fire station is operational, using fire department reporting software. Additionally, the number of emergency incidents, successful interventions, and community feedback will be collected to assess improvements in safety and overall service delivery.

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?

Forfeiture of funds.

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?



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- 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

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



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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.