



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3228

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

4. Project/Program Description

In order to appropriately sustain special needs residents at special needs shelters, these shelter sites must have a backup electrical service. Pinellas County is seeking funding to support the purchase and installation of three generators, one each for two new special needs shelter locations and one to replace an existing obsolete, under powered, 20-year-old generator at a third shelter location. In coordination with the Florida Department of Health – Pinellas and the Pinellas County School Board, Pinellas County will properly assess and configure each generator to maintain electrical service for: electrical outlets for durable medical equipment, the HVAC system, emergency lighting and cooking facilities at each school. It is estimated that we will need 720 kw generators or larger to accomplish this.

Pinellas is requesting \$4,000,000 for this project; this includes the cost of the generators and installation.

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	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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	4,000,000	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?

6/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

The Pinellas County School Board in local agreement with Pinellas County Government will maintain the generators as part of their facility maintenance program.

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 Pinellas County School Board are the owners of the school facilities that will receive the fixed capital outlay funding. They work in partnership and coordination with Pinellas County Government who are responsible for the identification and coordination of risk shelters during hurricanes and for providing services for our most vulnerable residents per Florida Statue 252.

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	The state funds will provide for electrical Planning and Engineering, Electrical Service Renovation and Installation of three generators at three special needs Pinellas County school shelter locations.	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funding critical life-sustaining backup power systems for our three Special Needs risk shelters. This will provide suitable locations to maintain the electrical outlets for medical equipment, emergency lighting, the HVAC system, and cooking facilities at each school even when widespread power outages occur for our approximately 4,000 registrants.

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

This will provide uninterrupted power, at risk shelters during hurricanes, to the electrical outlets for medical equipment, emergency lighting, the HVAC system, and cooking facilities at each school even when widespread power outages occur.

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

This will fulfill a state statute to provide risk shelters for special needs populations. This will provide uninterrupted power to the electrical outlets for medical equipment, emergency lighting, the HVAC system, and cooking facilities at each school even when widespread power outages occur. The generators will provide uninterrupted power during hurricanes to support their medical equipment such as oxygen concentrators, CPAP machines, Bi-PAP, nebulizers, heart monitors, and feeding pumps.

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

Very vulnerable residents who have medical conditions that require equipment to run on electricity. These sites are utilized during hurricane evacuations to provide a safe refuge for those who are at risk due to storm surge and high winds. Our registry currently has approximately 4,000 people.

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

This will save lives for vulnerable medically needy residents by providing a safe option for people to seek refuge in during a hurricane. This can be measured by the number of people who seek shelter and a reduction in indirect storm related deaths, reduced 911 calls and emergency evacuations after a storm.

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?

Pinellas County Government would reimburse the State for the obligated funds.

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):

Hurricane Milton and Helene

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#:



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.