



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3253

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a centralized facility to provide disaster volunteer services, including preparedness, resources, response, relief, recovery, resiliency, and mitigation in Hardee County. The purpose of the funds will be used to relocate current operations and to expand warehouse facilities. Building will be used to train and coordinate disaster relief volunteers, store donated goods, store and maintain relief equipment (i.e. chainsaws, skid steers, tools, etc), and provide office space for recovery partners (i.e. Long Term Recovery Group, Disaster Case Managers, Construction Coordinators, Volunteers, etc). SendMeMissions, Inc. actively assists Hardee County and each local municipality with disaster services. This request is for construction of a Disaster Volunteer Headquarters.

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	366,000
Total State Funds Requested	366,000

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)	366,000	66%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	162,000	30%
Other	22,000	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	550,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

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

SendMeMissions receives monthly donations from local churches, annual donations from local businesses, hosts an annual fundraiser, and writes grants for designated programs.

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.

SendMeMissions, Inc.

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	Construction	366,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		366,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of these funds will be to relocate current operations from multiple offices and rented storage spaces. This site will serve as the headquarters for disaster volunteers (local & out-of-state) volunteering in Hardee County to assist with preparedness, resources, relief, recovery, resiliency, and rebuilding from natural and man-made disasters. The goal is to provide safe, sanitary, and secure housing for vulnerable populations in the aftermath of natural and man-made disasters and provide preparation support for all future hurricane seasons by maximizing assistance through donated goods and volunteer labor.



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

Funds used for contractual services for construction.

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

Citizens affected by natural and man-made disasters will receive donated materials, skilled volunteer labor, and designated resources and programs to restore safe, sanitary, and secure housing in order to maximize recovery and resiliency in the county.

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

Target populations in Hardee County include: elderly, persons with poor physical/mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally/physically disabled, students (pre-school, grade school, high school, university/college).

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

The outcome from this project is to have one centralized location for Hardee County to train and coordinate disaster relief volunteers, store donated goods, store and maintain relief equipment (i.e. chainsaws, skid steers, tools, etc), and provide office space for recovery partners (i.e. Long Term Recovery Group, Disaster Case Managers, Construction Coordinators, Volunteers, etc). Methodology by which the outcome will be measured will be a construction timeline with anticipated completion date of 6/1/2026 prior to the 2026 hurricane season.

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 the 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 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:



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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