

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3366

1. Project Title	Almarante Fire District Quick Attack Fire Truck

2. Senate Sponsor Don Gaetz

3. Date of Request 3/13/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Almarante Fire District seeks funding for a new firetruck that has been labeled as the most urgent replacement need.

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	460,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	460,000

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)	460,000	98%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000	2%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	470,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

No

No

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

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a. What is the cu	rrent phase of t	he project?			
O Planning	🔘 Design	Construction	🔘 N/A		
b. Is the project "	shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?			
c. What is the est	imated start da	te of construction?			
d. What is the est	timated comple	tion date of construc	ction?		
e. What funding s	stream will be u	sed for ongoing ope	rations and mainte	enance of the pro	ject?

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		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	Purchase new attack quick response truck equipped for service. Our existing loose tools will be transferred from our existing apparatus.	460,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0	
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 460,00			

13. Program Performance

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

This unit would greatly help our operation with improved vehicle efficiency, reliability and safety. Our current vehicle has underlying issues with the compartments and fire body and issues with all of the fire body doors. This would help us to respond to incidents both in medical calls and on the various roadways our district serves. Our district covers approximately 10 miles of State Road 85 along with County Road 2, both of which are significant shipping and tourist driven roadways.

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



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This unit will greatly enhance our rescue and traffic crash capability with a reliable unit built with a significantly improved fire body, easier tools access, quicker deployment to the scene and a much safer driving experience for our members. This new truck will greatly assist us with a significantly reduced turning radius and a backup camera to help when needing to get into small areas or turn around on our many two lane roadways. This unit will not only serve Almarante but also our contract portion of the Dorcas Dependent Fire District and our mutual/auto aid partners Laurel Hill FD, Blackman FD and North Okaloosa FD. This unit will be equipped at minimum with a modern medical response kit including AED, vehicle extrication tools such as a "JAWS of LIFE" and various other tools to mitigate a myriad of life safety situations we will encounter.

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

The citizens who both live in and drive through the district will receive an improved response time, quicker retrieval of tools for us to utilize on scene, much improved reliability and a significant improvement in safety while operating the truck. With this asset carrying a full BLS medical compliment of supplies including a modern AED and rescue equipment along with the capability to fight a small fire, our citizens will receive the best possible service whether on the road, in their house or in some of the tight driveways our larger trucks cannot ingress.

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

Our entire fire district of residents which is approximately 1800 will be first served by this new capable unit. Our recently expanded service area includes the north section of nearby Dorcas Fire will also receive a benefit. Our mutual and auto aid partners will receive a boost in our aid capabilities to arrive quickly, safely and in a timely manner to quickly assist with mitigating the scene.

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

be measured?

This project will first bring significant improvements in the safety and capability of our first due medical, rescue and traffic crash response apparatus. With modern amenities such as power mirrors and windows (none on the current truck), traction control, backup camera, a modern fire body with roll up doors, full NFPA 1900 2016 compliance, a significantly reduced turning radius, and better body construction, this unit will meet our needs for the next 15-20 years. The current truck is not NFPA compliant and would not pass a newly issued state safety inspection. The new unit would meet NFPA criteria and pass all inspection requirements.

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?

Withholding of 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 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



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□ 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	Ryan	Last Name	Jaycocks
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d. Phone Number	(850)960-5645	Ext.	

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Recipient Contact Information					
a. Organization	Almarante	Almarante Fire District			
b. Municipality and	b. Municipality and County Okaloosa				
c. Organization Ty	ре				
□For Profit Entity					
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(3)				
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)				
□Local Entity					
□University or College					
☑Other (please specify) Independent Special Fire Control District					
d. First Name	Ryan		Last Name	Jaycocks	

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f. Phone Number		
19. Lobbyist Contact I a. Name b. Firm Name c. E-mail Address d. Phone Number		

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