



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3449

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

4. Project/Program Description

Due to hurricanes Helene and Milton, the historic village hall in Ozona was seriously damaged and had 3 feet of water within the hall. The hall was originally built in 1900 with volunteer labor and donated materials and is a beloved historic feature for the Ozona community. Is also recognized as a historic landmark by Pinellas County and the State of Florida. The proposal is to repair the damage by replacing the floors which are seriously buckling and repairing the kitchen and restrooms so they are functional again. This would include the remedial work on the plumbing and electrical systems in the hall. On a proactive basis, to prevent future flooding, the hall will be elevated in accordance with established and historic guidelines and moved away from the drainage ditch on the west side of the hall. The improvements of the hall will be in accordance with historic guidelines that apply to this county and state landmark.

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	389,500
Total State Funds Requested	389,500

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)	389,500	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	389,500	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No
- 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?** 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2025

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

The hall is operated by the Ozona Village Improvement Society, (OVIS) which is a 501 C3 nonprofit agency. OVIS operates and maintains the hall with funds received from the dues of the community and also from rental fees due to events held at the hall. That has been the arrangement since 1900 when OVIS was incorporated for the purpose of maintaining hall.

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 hall is owned by OVIS.

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	Design and construction contractor with expertise in elevating a structure.	389,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		389,500

13. Program Performance

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

The hall would be able to return to its original function, which is providing a focus and meeting place for the people in Community. The hall is also used for public meetings by the county and other agencies.

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



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The hall was originally established when Ozona was a fishing community and it retains that heritage.

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

The community hall was built by the community and has functioned since as a meeting place and a gathering place for the community. It is also a gathering place and place for others that rent the hall. The hall also provides space for public meetings by the County and other agencies;

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

There are 750 residents in Ozona that directly benefit and there are those that are both inside and outside the community that benefit from the use of the hall since it is part of the county heritage.

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

The project would return the hall to its original function, which was providing a facility for the community to meet and gather and conduct business.

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?

Making the community aware of the poor workmanship.

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):

hurricanes Helene and Milton

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



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- 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
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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