



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2736

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Shady Grove project will be the construction of a hurricane rated, resilient fire station with storage for equipment, apparatus and vehicles. The building will be located on land owned by Taylor County (County). The facility will have sufficient parking for firefighters and emergency response personnel. The site will serve as a disaster recovery staging area for the north end of the County. The facility has an estimated cost of \$2M and the County was awarded a budget appropriation FY 23-24 in the amount of \$1M. The entire County suffered catastrophic loss from Hurricanes Idalia and Helene including the Shady Grove community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	50%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,000,000	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		
2023-24	0	1,000,000		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?

3/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2027

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

Taylor County will operate and maintain the facility.

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.

Taylor County will own, operate, and maintain the facility. The County will be providing the land the facility will be located on.

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	All funding will be used for the construction of the facility. The County will provide the land the building will be located on and all project management services. The County received an appropriation FY 23-24 for \$1M with the project having an estimated cost of \$2M.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose is the construction of a hurricane rated, resilient fire station and public safety facility. Currently Shady Grove Fire Rescue is located in a small, older shed like structure which does not have storage for equipment and apparatus. There is no adequate parking. The north end of the County does not have a disaster recovery area and this facility will be able to provide those services. The entire County suffered catastrophic loss from Hurricanes Idalia and Helene and this facility is critically needed.

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

The station will provide facilities and resources for improved fire protection and emergency response services for Shady Grove and the north end of the County. In addition, mutual aid is provided to the adjacent counties of Madison and Jefferson which will benefit from the station. The new station will substantially reduce response times with adequate equipment stored on site. Shady Grove is located 16.6 miles from the County's primary fire station which currently provides the majority of fire protection services for the north end of the County.

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

The facility will provide substantially improved response times for fire protection and emergency services. In addition, the north end of the County will have a facility equipped to provide disaster recovery services.

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

The target population is the community of Shady Grove as well as the north end of the County. Madison and Jefferson County will both benefit as mutual aid is provided when so needed. Approximately 4,000 citizens over 200 square miles will be served.

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

All emergency calls are recorded and monitored. An expected outcome of the project is substantially reduced response times which can be tracked and documented. Another outcome will be the extended life of emergency response and fire vehicles, equipment, and apparatus with adequate storage and protection from the weather. There is currently no disaster recovery facility in the north end of the County and the new station will be able to provide those services.

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?

Taylor County will move forward with the project when sufficient funds have been secured for the project. The County received an appropriation of \$1M FY 23-24 which partially funds the cost to construct the facility. All deliverables and performance measures will be met per contract timelines and requirements. The County owns the land where the facility will be located. The County will provide all project management services.

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 Idalia.

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- 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
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)



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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.