



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

1. **Project Title** 

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The City of North Port has committed over \$13.8 million to build a new, state of the art Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The requested funds will be used to provide the furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) necessary to fully outfit the EOC, the final funding necessary to complete this project. The City of North Port is one of the fastest-growing communities in Florida and faces a range of natural hazards, including flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires. A fully functional EOC is essential to coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation operations that protect lives and property.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="900,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	<input type="text" value="900,000"/>	<input type="text" value="6.1"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="13,851,660"/>	<input type="text" value="93.9"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	14,751,660	100.0 %



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8. Has this project previously received state funding? ☐ Yes ☒ 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

- a. What is the current phase of the project? ☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A
- b. Is the project "shovel-ready" (i.e. permitted)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. What is the estimated start date of construction?
- d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
- e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The City of North Port general fund, specifically the Emergency Management budget, will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project.

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 City of North Port is the entity that owns the building. Only City of North Port departments and staff will occupy the building full-time.



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12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Furniture, fixtures, and equipment to furnish the newly constructed City of North Port Emergency Operations Center	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000



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13. Program Performance

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

Outfitting the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with furnishings, fixtures, and equipment will ensure the facility is fully functional, resilient, and capable of supporting coordinated emergency management operations. The goal is to create an environment that enables efficient communication, decision-making, and resource coordination during disaster response and recovery activities. This will enhance operational readiness, improve situational awareness and coordination, and support continuity of operations for the City of North Port.

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

Outfitting the EOC with furniture, fixtures, and equipment will support a fully staffed emergency response during times of disaster. Having current equipment for use during emergencies is imperative in continuity of operations. Community outreach and education will be provided during blue skies, as well as collaboration with internal and external partners including North Port's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs).

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

The Situation Room, Emergency Call Center, Joint Information Center, and Backup Data Center will be located in this building. During times of emergency, citizens will receive emergency management and support services. During non-emergency times, Emergency Management will provide community outreach and preparedness services available to the citizens.

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

This project does not have a specific target population as all citizens would benefit. Current population estimated to be served is 94,600.

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

1. Benefit: Faster response times due to coordinated resource deployment. Measure: reduced response times.
2. Benefit: Resource prioritization for most critical need. Measure: reduced request and resolution times.
3. Benefit: Continuity of operations for essential government and critical infrastructure during times of crisis. Measure: reduced resolution times for restoration of essential 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?

Repayment of appropriations.



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14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No *(Skip Questions 15 and 16)*

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:

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):



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Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- ☐ Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- ☐ Resilient Florida Grant Program
- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- ☒ N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

N/A

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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22. Requester Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

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