

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Marine Rescue Fire/Emergency Medical Services Facility
2. Date of Submission: 01/11/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Kathleen Passidomo

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	1,000,000	1,000,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: City of Marco Island
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Collier
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Collier, Lee

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Funding will support the immediate rapid response to medical emergencies and fire emergencies on water and land. The City Fire Rescue/EMS vessel is the primary responding vessel to emergencies in this area, and funding will allow this region to meet the newly enacted state legislation concerning construction and safety standards for new fire stations, current hurricane code, and building code requirements.

The proposed, shovel-ready Fire Station will be constructed on the current site or on a waterfront property owned by the City, to replace the fifty year old facility. The Station will provide housing of the Fire/Marine EMS crew and be designed for rapid marine response deployment, will have storage and maintenance areas specific to the Fire Rescue/EMS vessel to complete necessary maintenance while remaining response ready. Additionally, the station will house a training room specific to marine response to conduct marine response training with partnering agencies such as the Collier County Sheriff's Department and Marco Island Police Department.

The City of Marco Island is a barrier island community on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico and features six miles of beach and over 100 miles of waterways within its 24 square miles. Marco Island is the largest barrier Island within Southwest Florida's Ten Thousand Islands extending from Marco Island to Cape Sable. Marco Island is home to thousands of full time and part time residents and is a major worldwide tourist destination recently being named "Best U.S. Island" by Trip Advisor. Marco Island residents and visitors enjoy a vastly unique coastal estuarine environment. With over 7,000 registered marine recreational vessels in our City and in excess of 25,000 registered vessels in Collier County, Marco Island and surrounding setting is the boater's destination. For residents and visitors boating is a key element in Florida's coastal lifestyle and growth phenomena. Florida ranks first in the nation in recreational vessel registrations. On average, this represents approximately one boat for every 18 residents however in Collier County there is one boat for every 13 permanent residents. Of equal note, Florida is

the number one U.S. destination for marine recreation including saltwater boating with an estimated 4.3 million participants. Coastal development, the ever increasing number of boaters, and the diversity of recreational boating activities that now take place within Florida's coastal bays, estuaries, and waterways have had positive economic impacts as recreational boating is a major contributor to Florida's economy exceeding \$18 billion annually. The Marco Island and Collier County area sees over 1.6 million visitors annually and is home to 340,000 residents.

The City of Marco Island Fire Rescue Department has provided the primary response to fire and medical emergencies occurring in the adjacent Gulf of Mexico and upper 10,000 Islands since 1990. In 2013 the City Council recognized the increasing number of serious emergencies occurring in this environment and improved the response capability of the City through the acquisition of a state of the art Fire Rescue/EMS vessel. The Fire Rescue Department responds annually to over 100 emergency incidents occurring on the water and is increasing each year. These incidents often involve serious traumatic injuries, medical illness or dramatic rescues of victims in the water all requiring rapid response capability and advanced life support care from our on-board paramedics. With a recovering state economy, the construction of six artificial reefs funded by BP following the 2010 oil spill, a \$250 million renovation and expansion of the Marco Island Marriott Resort, a \$30 million renovation of the Hilton Beach Resort and increases in commercial and residential development, the need for prompt water-based emergency services continues to increase.

The City of Marco Island Fire Rescue Department seeks your support to obtain a State grant to construct a Marine Fire/EMS Facility to support the immediate rapid response to medical emergencies and fire emergencies on the water and on land. Our Fire Rescue / EMS vessel is the primary responding vessel to these emergencies and most often without United States Coast Guard assistance due to the distance of their location, Ft. Myers, is a 90-minute response time by USCG vessel. Currently, our recently acquired \$400,000 specially equipped Fire Rescue/EMS vessel is located behind a Fire Station 51 and is staffed by the crew assigned to that station. The Station is the original island fire station constructed 50-years ago. This dilapidated station was constructed in accordance with the building codes in place in 1965. The station does not meet the newly enacted state legislation concerning construction and safety standards for new fire stations or current hurricane code or building code requirements and has received damage through the past five years from severe tropical weather systems including direct hits from Hurricane Wilma and Tropical Storm Fay which compromised the roof structure causing water damage to the station's interior. The City continues to make band-aid improvements to the building due to its vital location to provide prompt fire and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors in its response area as well as marine response.

The City has developed bid ready building plans for the Station replacement however funding is not available as the City continues to recover from the financial hardship faced during the recession.

The proposed shovel-ready Fire Station will be constructed on the current site or on a waterfront property owned by the City in accordance with the recently passed State legislation concerning Fire Station building and safety requirements and replaces a fifty year old inadequate facility. The Station will provide housing of the Fire/Marine EMS crew and be designed for rapid marine response deployment. The station will have storage and maintenance areas specific to the Fire Rescue/EMS vessel to complete necessary maintenance while remaining response ready. With marine response emphasis the station will provide a training room specific to marine response to conduct marine response training with partnering agencies such as the Collier County Sheriff's Department and Marco Island Police Department. The Station as designed will cost \$2 million to construct.

The taxpayers of Marco Island have supported and assumed the burden of the cost to provide marine fire and rescue service most often to Collier County visiting boaters and Marco Island tourists. The City has invested the full cost of the Fire Rescue/EMS vessel, equipment and training to provide a high level of service capability which has saved many lives. With the positive financial impact realized by the State of Florida receives from recreation boaters we seek this grant to

serve as an example of a partnership between the State and City to protect and serve the citizens and visitors of Florida.

The City of Marco Island is seeking your support of this Marine Fire Station Project to obtain a State grant of \$1 million to complement our local match of \$1 million. We are ready to immediately proceed with construction due to our project being ?shovel-ready?.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 1,000,000

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No