



OMB Grants Team Review

Of Intent to Apply received on 12-02-2025

Grant Name	FY26 Florida Legislative Appropriation - Lealman Exchange				
Department	Emergency Management	Granting Agency	State of Florida	Date	12/2/2025
Project Manager	Adam Pedzich	Application Submitter	Adam Pedzich	Grant Manager	Elizabeth Farley

Grant Information

Funding Type	TBD
Grant Type	State
Amount Requested	\$2,000,000.00
Anticipated Match/Cost Share	\$3,200,000.00
Match Type	Both (Cash and In-kind)
Match Funding Source	TBD
Is Match in Current Budget?	N/A
Total Project Cost	TBD
Fiscal Year(s)	FY27

Review & Comments

This OMB Grants Team has conducted a review of the **Emergency Management** intent to apply for the **FY26 Florida Legislative Appropriation - Lealman Exchange** funded by **State of Florida**.

Project Scope of Work

Mitigation of the existing facility that can be utilized to serve the community on a daily basis as well as provide for a location for disaster sheltering and supportive services. This funding will increase risk and step-down sheltering options for Pinellas County. As a non-public school option, this option is ideal for using for smaller storms. Step down sheltering can last for months after a hurricane makes landfall and when schools need to remain operational. This will allow Pinellas to support evacuees before the storm, get public schools reopened quickly, and have a location for disaster survivors to stay temporarily.

Strategic Initiatives

Healthy and Safe Communities

Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **Single Year** grant potentially affecting **FY27**. The application request is for **\$2,000,000.00** with a **\$3,200,000.00** cost share. Matching funds are considered as part of the funding process, but they are not required in order for an Appropriations Project to be funded.

Grant Review Comments

- If grant funding is awarded, the fiscal impact will be in FY27, and an analysis of the total project budget will be made at that time.
- The grant application will require Board approval for submission.
- This project was submitted to the Intergovernmental Liaison for State Appropriation consideration.