



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2468

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The firefighter training program in Wellington High School is currently serving students in Palm Beach County. Stakeholders, partners, local governments, regional and city fire rescue services providers have been urging Professional Firefighters & Paramedics of Palm Beach County to help maintain educational ecosystem currently in place that will continue to develop firefighter, paramedic and public safety professional workforce required to meet exponentially growing service needs, as reflected in continually increased staffing levels necessary to provide the minimum level of fire rescue operations services. Wellington High School handles large percentage of special population groups identified by federal Perkins V legislation and this program offers students an opportunity to develop necessary skill set to achieve job security and career opportunity without having to finance four year or longer degrees and possibly facing lack of employment opportunities upon completion.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	380,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>980,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	980,000	87%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	50,000	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	9%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Professional Firefighters & Paramedics of Palm Beach County did not receive any federal assistance related to COVID. Palm Beach County Public Schools received \$30,000,000.00 for COVID mitigation strategies and student academic support.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

As soon as funding is secured

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

No more than 120 days after funding is secured

12. 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 facility is funded through ad valorem levy designated for palm beach county school board, therefore the facility is owned by palm beach residents who own property and receive yearly trim notices.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Heavy-Duty Work Gloves, Extra Flash Hoods, Door Wedges, Snagger Tools, Multi-Tools, Escape Ropes, Attack Hose, Attic Ladder, Branch Pipes, Bunker Gear (personal protective equipment), Denver Tools, Extension Ladder, Fog Nozzles, Hose Bridge, Firefighter Training Props, SCBA.	380,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Enhanced incident ground for training scenarios where students can become familiar with the scope of fire rescue operations and develop basic skill set within a safe, controlled environment.	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>980,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The Firefighter Training Program in Wellington High School is currently serving students in Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, business, education partners and other key stakeholders in the community have been urging Professional Firefighters & Paramedics of Palm Beach County to help create an ecosystem to develop firefighter, paramedic and public safety workforce talent to meet growing hiring demand reflecting above average and sustained growth over the last decade. Wellington High School handles large percentage of special population groups identified by federal Perkins V legislation.

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

Equipment purchased and enhanced ground training facility for the Wellington High School Firefighter Program will allow to train future workforce of firefighters and paramedics to meet Fire Rescue hiring needs for eligible and certificated public safety professionals ready to carry out fire rescue operations.

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

The program will serve Palm Beach County by providing students with the skills to become eligible for immediate hire as firefighters, paramedics and public safety professionals upon graduation, including industry certifications at no cost to them through participation in the program. Students receive career preparation and readiness for one of the fastest growing, high demand and respected professions in our growing community.

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

The target population are high school students in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade. The total students served would be 175 students per year. The program will be open to all students. Students with disabilities are welcome into this program. Federal and state legislation requires the provision of accommodations for students with disabilities as identified on the secondary student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or 504 plan or postsecondary student's accommodations' plan to meet individual needs and ensure equal access. Wellington High School High School has a minority enrollment of 54%. 38% of the student body are economically disadvantaged and this and this program is intended to help support college and career readiness for the students who choose to become public safety professionals.

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

The expected benefit or outcome of this project is to prepare students with Career-Ready skills that reinforce the skills needed to perform as an entry level worker in Fire Rescue Operations and public safety industry. Students explore the career pathway and learn technical skill with increasingly higher levels of complexity and expectation as a student advances through this program of study. The outcome of the students/and program will be measured by the number of HS graduates who become Fire Rescue Employees either directly from high school and/or through completion of the continuing 2 year program at the Palm Beach State College.

##### 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 the contract?

The contracting agency may consider liquidated damages based on a monthly audit after a written warning outlining the items that fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract has been discussed. If after 1 month a financial deduction would occur in the amount of \$1,000 per month until remediation has been achieved.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name



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**b. Organization** Professional Firefighters & Paramedics of Palm Beach County

**c. E-mail Address** sa@agcapitol.com

**d. Phone Number** (561)969-0729 **Ext.**

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

**a. Organization** Palm Beach County School Board

**b. Municipality and County** Palm Beach

**c. Organization Type**

☐ For Profit Entity

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) Local Government School District

**d. First Name** Don **Last Name** Ambrogio

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#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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