



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2659

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Upgrade the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center to replace outdated technology (parts for some of which can only be sourced on eBay); install and make use of technology advancements since the opening of the facility in 2009.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	1,250,000		No

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.

General Fund and other grant dollars can be used for minor upgrades and maintenance.

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

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



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Okaloosa County BCC has expended approximately \$37 million in federal assistance for a variety of costs as a result of COVID. Okaloosa County is also receiving \$40 million in ARPA funding for a variety of projects.

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?

09/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2024

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.

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13. 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: Other		
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	Upgrade the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center to replace outdated technology (parts for some of which can only be sourced on eBay); install and make use of technology advancements since the opening of the facility in 2009.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

Upgrade the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center to replace outdated technology (parts for some of which can only be sourced on eBay); install and make use of technology advancements since the opening of the facility in 2009.

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



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The EOC serves as the hub for emergency response for local, man-made and natural disaster response. The EOC serves as a training Center and exercise venue for local, state and federal partners as well as a backup EOC for the state of Florida. The EOC serves as a training venue for public outreach medical training.

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

The Emergency Operations Center serves as the response hub for any and all threats against Okaloosa County and/or its many municipalities. Further, the EOC is used as a training center for local, state and US Military operations to provide training to better serve our community. Additionally, EMS developed a program to provide community outreach/medical training to citizens using this venue.

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

211,000 Okaloosa County residents plus an additional 5 million visitors per year. In addition, all state, local and federal/military partners who use the EOC as an instructional venue for large programs and readiness drills.

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

To be able to serve the citizens of Okaloosa County, visitors to Okaloosa County, and strategic partners by being able to maintain a technologically stable emergency response platform. This technology hub is critically important to all stages of emergency management to include planning, mitigation, response and recovery as well as the training components required to staff same. The outcome will be measured in evidence of upgraded technology.

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?

Standard contract penalties and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number