



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1404

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Columbia County Sheriffs office is requesting funding to complete the construction of the the department's crime lab, evidence room, and fleet maintenance facility. This new facility will also serve as a resource for adjacent county sheriffs office to relieve FDLE resources. the Sheriff's office has already kept on reserve \$2.367 million for this purpose. This request will be able to make sure the construction is complete.

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	980,000
Total State Funds Requested	980,000

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)	980,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,367,000	71%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,347,000	100%

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.

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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Columbia County received \$2,000,000 in CARES Act Funding that was allocated towards the NFMIP WWTP to shore up an existing grant. \$13.9 million of ARPA money was divided up as follows: \$6.2 million for Fort White water projects, \$4 million for the NFMIP WWTP, 1.7 million in business assistance, 679k for individual assistance, and \$1 million for emergency home repair. An additional \$729,853 came from the LCTPA portion of funding that is uncommitted.

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?

12/31/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/24

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	The request will finish the funding portion of the construction of 2,520 square foot crime lab, 2,680 square foot evidence room, and 5,475 square foot fleet maintenance area.	980,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		980,000

14. Program Performance

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

The request will finish the funding portion of the construction of 2,520 square foot crime lab, 2,680 square foot evidence room, and 5,475 square foot fleet maintenance area.

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



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The construction of this facility will include a crime lab for criminal investigations, a fleet maintenance facility, and a larger evidence room to properly maintain and catalog evidence from crime scenes. This will enhance the quality and shorten the time duration during investigations.

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

The Columbia County Sheriffs office will be able to maintain it's fleet more efficiently, is able to evidence in a more efficient manner and will be able to conduct investigations in a more timely manner as well as relieving state FDLE resources.

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

Citizens of Columbia County.

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

Investigation time, and efficiency of the Sheriff's department.

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?

Remittance of funds back to the state.

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number



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