



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1902

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will enhance their capabilities in training K9/handler teams in the areas of patrol (including officer protection, suspect apprehension, area or building clearance, etc.), detection (finding narcotics or explosives), and tracking missing/endangered persons by constructing a dedicated facility for training and safely boarding K9s. This facility will include specialized features such as secure explosives and narcotics training aids, scent walls, a classroom, spaces to train K9s and personnel, and kennels with indoor and outdoor access. This facility will also host training for other agencies' K9s and handlers from throughout the State of Florida. HCSO will instruct FDLE certified patrol K9 schools for new K9 teams (480 hours course) and train K9/handler teams to enhance the training of their existing K9s and handlers. Approximate total project cost \$4M over two years.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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.**

No alternative funding source has been identified at this time.



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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.

HCSO received \$290,266.90 in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) which was used to expand video court capabilities to limit the spread of COVID-19, for PPE, and for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing workspaces. CARES Act funds (\$2.3M) were used to increase HCSO's capabilities for producing remote learning, for modifying workspaces to allow personnel to work at safer distances, for PPE, and for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing areas.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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 proposed site of this project is owned by Hillsborough County.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds to prepare the site and construct a law enforcement K9 Training and Boarding facility where K9/handler teams can train, K9s can be securely boarded, and other organizations' K9/handler teams can train. Funds requested this year are for the training portion of the facility including classroom and specialized areas. Funds to be requested next year are for the boarding area of the facility.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

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

HCSO will prepare the site and construct the facility in order to provide a conducive environment in which to train K9/handler teams. This facility will also allow HCSO to provide training for other agencies' K9s and handlers from throughout the State of Florida. HCSO will instruct FDLE certified patrol K9 schools for new K9 teams (480 hour course) and train K9/handler teams to enhance the training of their existing K9s and handlers in the areas of patrol (including officer protection, suspect apprehension, area or building clearance, etc.), detection (finding narcotics or explosives), and tracking missing/endangered persons.

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

HCSO K9 and K9 handlers will respond to calls for service with the most up-to-date training and will be able to reinforce their skills at a dedicated facility in order to best respond to incidents requiring them to assist in tracking missing/endangered persons, detecting narcotics or explosives, or apprehending suspects. HCSO will also be able to continue to provide training to other agencies' K9/handler teams so those jurisdictions will be able to provide these services to their citizens.

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

This project will serve the population of Hillsborough County as well as all tourist and visitors to the area. The project will also have an impact on the citizens of all the jurisdictions whose K9/handler teams receive training from HCSO. The population of Hillsborough County is approximately 1.478 million and millions of tourists visit annually. The HCSO Canine Section was deployed 1,299 times from November 1, 2020 to November 1, 2021, including requests to respond to assist seven (7) other law enforcement agencies.

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

The HCSO Canine Section will be able to host more training courses and larger trainings, including large-scale K9 events. HCSO will be able to provide records for training courses conducted. HCSO can also provide historical training information to compare the number of courses and number of attendees trained prior to construction of the proposed facility with the number of courses and number of attendees training after completion of the proposed facility.

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 are sufficient.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number