



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2248

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

These funds will be used for the design and construction of a regional training center that will be used by fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement, and other public safety entities in Escambia County. The site will be built with a multi-purpose live fire training facility that will also have capabilities to provide training on high and low angle rope operations, forcible entry, search, ventilation, and meet the needs of any size public safety organization.

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	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	33%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	67%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,000,000</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.

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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Escambia County (County) also received \$57,285,295 in CARES Act Funds that we utilized to reduce the impact of COVID-19 to our community. The County utilized the funds in the following ways:

- Community Grants
  - o Families - \$16,500,000
  - o Businesses - \$3,406,013.88
- COVID-19 Testing - \$777,664.86
- Escambia Serves to Community Partners - \$1,647,888.72
- Public Health and Safety - \$32,203,302.84
- Government Response and Compliance - \$2,480,607.92
- COVID-19 Operation and Oversight - \$269,816.78

American Rescue Plan Act - The County received \$30,914,575.50 on 6/9/21 and another \$30,914,575.50 was anticipated by 6/9/22.

## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The project will include site preparation, fix structure(s), and infrastructure including access road(s) and fire hydrants. This includes the construction of a live fire building and the remodeling of a pre-existing building with classrooms and a kitchen.	1,000,000



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
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**14. Program Performance**

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

These funds will help design and construct a state certified fire training facility that will be multipurpose for all public safety sectors. In addition, it will be purposed as a regional and state facility to fulfill needs locally, regionally, and across the state as needed.

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

Activities will vary from classroom leadership settings to hands on practical exercises including live fire training, roof ventilation, search and victim removal, forcible entry, rope operations, and shoring. Additional training on the site will be driving, water supply, land navigation, and more. Partnerships with local and regional law enforcement departments would allow for building clearing, classroom classes, rope training, or any need that the design of the building would support; this would also be applicable for EMS in patient removal and emergency management in local disaster exercises.

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

The training provided at this site will allow for the maintenance and enhancement of emergency services capabilities provided to citizens.

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

The main focus of this project is to train and enhance firefighting skills at a facility designed to meet the mission of todays and tomorrows fire service. Classes or trainings will vary from basic to advance and each skill set master will directly effect the outcome of a citizen or a visitor to Escambia County in their time of need. Current population is approximately 320,000.

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

Maintenance and enhancement of emergency services capabilities, which will influence the ability to provide emergency services response to the community through initial training of recruits, maintaining skills, and enhancing capabilities. This will also provided a required training facility needed to improve our Insurance Service Organization (ISO) Public Protection Classification. This is done by providing required training at a certified and defined training facility. Local measurements will be through reviews of training provided, skills gained and score on next ISO PPC score.

**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?**

All appropriate local, state, and federal requirements will be followed while administering the funding. Any contract will be reviewed by the Legal Department of Escambia County that will outline deliverables, performance measures, and any penalties if applicable.

**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**



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**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) Local Government

**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**