



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1297

1. Title of Project: D/S Gentry Regional Public Safety Training Center

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Deputy William J. Gentry, Jr. Regional Public Safety Training Center (named for slain Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy who gave his life in the line of duty) will provide cutting-edge instruction for first responders to include active shooter engagement, tactical planning and response, counter terrorism measures, and the application of artificial intelligence and unmanned systems when minutes count to save the lives of children and citizens of our state. An emphasis will be placed on school safety through preparedness training for school resource officers, guardians, teachers and school staff. Administered in partnership with Sebring Airport Authority, Highlands County Sheriff's Office, and South Florida State College, this rural training center will provide world-class instruction by subject matter experts from various fields that will be sought out by government agencies and private organizations throughout Florida to train their personnel.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,570,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,970,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,970,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	4,970,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training simulators, tactical training equipment, computers, furniture and fixtures	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction, planning, engineering, site preparation	4,570,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,970,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Provide necessary training to ensure public safety.

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

Construction and equipping of facilities needed.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Providing awareness techniques, response, and preparedness strategies to protect the public.

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

The primary stakeholders include law enforcement, other first responders, schools, businesses, aviation interests, and the public at large. Regionally, the center will serve Collier, Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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

An increase in the preparedness of law enforcement personnel to respond to critical incidents and emergency situations. An increase in the preparedness of school personnel, business community, aviation, and houses of worship. The methodology used will include the number and level of advanced training certifications obtained through the training center.

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 in the contract?



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None.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is under the jurisdiction of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- d. **Phone Number:** (863)402-7277

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Highlands County Sheriff's Office
- b. **County:** Highlands
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**