



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2375

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

This project is being submitted to purchase bunker gear for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue fire fighters in collaboration with 2019 Senate Bill 426 in an effort to reduce exposure to cancer causing agents. The funds will be used to provide 400 complete bunker gear sets for Palm Beach County fire fighters for a total project cost of \$1,200,000. PBC Fire Rescue will provide \$400,000 of the total project cost as a match. Thus making the total requested through appropriation funding \$800,000. This is our continued effort in minimizing the known risk of cancer to our firefighters. Currently, this is an unfunded project, yet crucial to the health and well being of our firefighters. We can assured that this effort provides a critical piece of firefighter safety and fall in line with Senate Bill 426 with the concerns to reduce firefighter cancer.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="800,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="800,000"/>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text" value="800000"/>	<input type="text" value="67.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="400,000"/>	<input type="text" value="33"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="1,200,000"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This total amount will be used to purchase Bunker Gear Sets that will be used to protect all of our firefighter in the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.	800,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Through extensive research from University of Miami, it has been proven that bunker gear contains cancer causing contaminants after a fire and there is a risk of cross contamination. This potential exposure has been identified to have serious health risks to our firefighters. This project will provide the needed set of bunker gear to help protect out firefighter from this cross contamination and exposure to cancer.

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

The Bunker Gear will be purchased from a trusted company that will offer the necessary warranties and ongoing necessary maintenance to increase long term use of these firefighter bunker gear sets.

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

One firefighter's illness or death causes a rippling affect to our community which not only impacts the firefighter, their family, the department and community as a whole. When fire department staff are provided with protective equipment, this reduces the incidents of illnesses and disease, allowing them to be available to provide services to the citizens in need. This provision will also assist in increasing the interest of this career choice for young people in our community.

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

At-risk firefighters and staff that respond to fire related calls throughout Palm Beach County. According to a 2018 census report, the county had a population of 1,485,941, making it the third-most populous county in the state of Florida and the 25th-most populous county in the United States. The total population is counted because the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is responsible for providing all municipalities within the County support for any given emergency.

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

Decreased incidents of exposure to carcinogens by firefighters and staff that will ultimately cause cancer related illnesses and diseases. Because we have access to the use of the staff at the Palm Beach County Health Department, if approved by the Fire Department Administrator and PBC Commissioners and staff volunteers, a before and after study of health related illnesses could be completed to determine if this additional equipment has helped our rates of loss time due to illness compared to before we received the additional equipment. Because the Univ of Miami has done studies, a partnership could be formed to assist in their research classes and to justify the expense for our future budgets.

- 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?

The standard penalties are adequate.



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12. **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.**

Palm Beach County is the owner of this facility and the entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.