



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1162

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The SRQ Emergency Operations and Public Safety Complex will house Police, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Personnel, and all communications equipment and personnel in a hurricane hardened facility, which would also contain secure record storage for the Airport.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,000,000	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.

N/A

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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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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

October 2025

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.

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority. Police, Fire and Communications personnel are all employees of the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority.

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	Planning and design of Phase 1 concept.	300,000
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	Initial site work and phase 1 expansion of firefighting and communications facility.	2,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Sarasota Bradenton International Airport passenger numbers have grown over 300% from the pre-Covid numbers going from 1,300,000 annual passengers to 4,300,000 passengers. This has necessitated significant increases in public safety personnel. Additionally, all public safety dispatch and communications is handled by airport employees in a communications facility in the terminal. The airport incurred over \$2,000,000 of terminal damage during Hurricane Ian, including over 15,000 sq. feet of roof being blown off the terminal ticket wing. If this had occurred a few hundred feet further north in the terminal the entire communication and emergency response area would have been inundated with water. This project is meant to preclude that from happening by providing a secure, hurricane hardened facility to ensure public safety response at all time.

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

Police, Fire and Communications personnel and supporting equipment would be housed in the facility to ensure the ability to respond to public safety events regardless of the weather and in a coordinated manner by housing all public safety functions together. It would also contain a storage room for airport authority records to ensure the preservation of public records regardless of weather impacts.

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

Police and Fire, and medical response.

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

The airport handles over 4,300,000 passengers, plus meeters and greeters, as well as thousands of employees. This would serve nearly 7,000,000 people in its first year.

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

The benefit is to ensure public safety is maintained regardless of weather and provide greater efficiency by housing all public safety functions together. The outcome is measured in response times to emergency dispatches as well as the ability to operate regardless of weather and hurricane impacts.

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?

The request is for construction funding only so only contract penalties would be if contractor went over agreed contractual timeline.

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)



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Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) Independent Special District

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