



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2463

1. **Project Title** St. Johns County All Hazards Fire Rescue Training Facility and Unified Command Center - Phase 1

2. **Senate Sponsor** Travis Hutson

3. **Date of Request** 12/01/2023

4. Project/Program Description

This project shall provide a regional all hazards fire rescue training facility at SR16 and Turnbull Drive to deliver the training requirements as mandated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) and established by the National Fire Protection Association to serve the NE Region of Florida. The training shall benefit the communities by providing the essential first responder education required by ISO to reduce insurance premiums and instruct the crucial skills to provide a safe and effective operational response. This training center will also be open to statewide participation. This facility will greatly support the regions ability to recruit, train and retain employees to assist in overcoming the national deficit of available, skilled emergency response personnel.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Financial Services

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	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 2024-2025	15,000,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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?**



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$106 million in COVID-19 direct and indirect funding for: COVID-19 prevention and mitigation; business and non-profit grant programs; affordable housing; rental assistance; public transit; water and sewer infrastructure; public safety first responder efforts.

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)?

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 St Johns County Board of County Commissioners shall own and maintain responsibility of the facility.

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		0
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	Design, permitting, construction, post-design services and CEI of All Hazards Training Facility and Unified Command Center.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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This project shall be utilized to meet the first responder training requirements of the ISO in order to sustain and improve the current ISO rating, which will result in reduced insurance premiums. In addition, this project will provide the region with the ability to recruit and train emergency responders to assist in overcoming the national shortage of skilled response personnel. Furthermore, this all hazards training facility will provide the essential tools required to maintain the National Fire Protection Association standards on training which shall reduce firefighter injuries and decrease property loss values.

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

All hazards training to include fire suppression, EMS, Urban Search and Rescue and hazardous materials response will be provided to the emergency responders in order to meet the demands of the ISO and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. This essential training will contribute to the ability to maintain and lower the current ISO rating, and assist in the recruitment, training and retention of personnel to allow the agencies to meet NFPA manpower response requirements. Additionally, the training will contribute to reduced property loss values and injury prevention.

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

This project shall enable the agencies to meet the requirements of training as established by the ISO, which can result in lower ratings and decreased insurance premiums. In addition, the project will provide the ability to recruit and train emergency responders. This will result in the ability to meet the manpower requirements of NFPA, which will provide a greater response efficiency resulting in reduced property loss. In addition, as an all hazards training facility, the citizens shall benefit through the advanced capabilities of emergency responders highly trained in fire suppression EMS, USAR and HazMat mitigation.

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

This project shall benefit St. Johns County (population 306,841), Flagler County (population 126,705), Clay County (population 226,589) and Putnam County (population 74,731) Total Population is 660,135.

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

The expected benefit of this project is the ability to assure regional first responders have met the training requirements as mandated by the ISO in order to achieve an optimal ISO rating which will reduce insurance premiums. In addition, the facility will provide the ability for the agencies to recruit and train first responders to address the current gap in fire rescue personnel, and to meet the NFPA response standards. All these combined factors equate to reduced property damage and lives saved. These outcomes will be measured utilizing comparative data in existing databases.

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

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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