



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3133

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Goal is to protect and save lives and property. Project is for contractual preliminary engineering/architectural planning/design, bidding, permitting, project management, administration, land acquisition and construction services to build a 28,000 sq. ft. Hardee County Sheriff Office and Training Facility hardened for Category 4 hurricane rating. This new facility will provide adequate space to properly house and train first responders and law enforcement personnel, operate all law enforcement divisions effectively and efficiently to better serve the citizens and the community in this Rural Area of Opportunity. The current 1991 facility is not adequate to safely house the sheriff and personnel to properly ensure effective workspace, house needed personnel, detention, investigations, warrants, civil, patrol, etc. necessary to efficiently serve citizens and community.

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	12,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	12,500,000

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)	12,500,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	6,158,000	33%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	18,658,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	6,158,000	1281A	No

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?



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

Received: \$5,232,196; Funds used for eligible COVID-19 public health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods., etc.), administration reporting/equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.).

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.

Hardee County is both owner and entity.

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	Property acquisition, contractual services of planning, design, permitting, bidding, administration, project management, engineering during construction and construction.	12,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		12,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is protect first responders, law enforcement personnel, the public/citizenry, life, health and safety. Funds are needed to complete the sheriff administration critical facility that includes property acquisition, planning & construction where Hardee County Sheriff's administrative services will be performed including records, financial services, criminal analysis, patrol, armory, investigations, telecommunications for all county emergency services, including victims' advocacy.

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

Activities include seeking contractual architectural/engineering design, bidding, permitting, project management, administration, land acquisition and construction services based on competitive procurement policies and procedures.

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

Services to citizens improved with the new administrative offices that will properly house public safety officers, victim's advocacy, public records, provide civil court services, investigative and patrol services, communications services for all emergency services for the county, an armory, financial services for the and house IT services for the Sheriff's Office.

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

Hardee County, which is a financially disadvantaged community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes), citizenry, visitors, tourists, business community and surrounding areas. Greater than 27,000 expected to be served.

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

Benefit is to protect general public, first responders, front line law enforcement personnel from harm and for continued effective/efficient law enforcement training in a facility designed with safety elements, adequate/sufficient space and with the appropriate equipment. Certification and completion of the project.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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)
- Local Entity



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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