



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3652

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The scope of the project is to construct a multi-agency regional training facility using a collaborative training model with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Flagler County Fire-Rescue, Flagler County Emergency management and its other partner organizations in Putnam and Flagler County's to deliver training unique to their public safety missions. This training will include firearms, use of force and de-escalation decision making, emergency vehicle operations, natural and man-made disaster/rescue, hurricane response and emergency management. The project will include all site work with a parking area, a main training building, covered staging areas for outdoor pistol and rifle ranges, a multi-purpose tactical training building, an training observation tower and an EVOG (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) tactical driving track. Flagler County will provide existing land and future maintenance and operating costs will be covered by users.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>

**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	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

Alternative sources of funding would include grants and user fees to support law enforcement and fire-rescue training and facility operating costs and maintenance.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

Flagler County has received approximately \$20 million from CARES which was used for business and individual assistance grants, local government including municipalities and public safety. Flagler County has also received \$22 million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds which is for local infrastructure projects and broadband.

## 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 Flagler County Sheriff's Office is a constitutional office of county government, as such Flagler County has a vested interest in supporting and ensuring the success of this project. Because the project will be built on land owned by Flagler County the project will be owned by the Flagler County BOCC but managed by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Multi-Agency Regional Training Facility construction: \$1,540,000 for site work; \$4,310,000 for the EVOC driving track; \$508,000 for the observation tower; \$254,000 for the rain shelter; \$1,925,000 for the shoot/tactics house; and \$3,713,000 for the training facility = total of \$7,700,000	12,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>12,500,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

The goals of this project is to:

1. Provide a mission responsive infrastructure through construction of a facility designed to support training objectives
2. Provide training that enables the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Flagler County Fire-Rescue and its local and regional partners to respond to man-made and natural disasters individually and in a regional capacity
3. Foster a high performing workforce ready to serve the community and region
4. Optimize business practices to ensure training meets accreditation and reduce liability exposure.

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

Using a collaborative training model, this facility will deliver training unique to their missions, and will become a certified FDLE facility to host CJSTC training courses. There will be high liability training - shooting and driving, continuing education opportunities, deescalation training, leadership, supervisory and new hire training. Partner agencies will also realize quantitative and qualitative benefits from this model, including the efficiencies inherent in shared services, higher quality training, and improved interoperability. The activities this facility offers ensures training is up-to-date and relevant to emerging needs of law enforcement, fire-rescue and emergency management.

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

This project will have a direct benefit to citizens of Flagler and Putnam County's by providing an opportunity for enhanced training, emergency response and regional response for natural and man-made incidents. Furthermore, the construction of the a tactical range will allow deescalation training. Currently a semi-private range is used with limited availability and no tactical training. The EVOC course will allow training on emergency vehicle operations for law enforcement and fire-rescue vehicle in realistic driving conditions to reduce liability, crashes and injuries to first-responders and citizens. Finally, through collaboration with partner agencies local and regional we will also provide a higher quality training and the ability to share and network.

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

Overall all citizens of Flagler County (124,069) along with regional communities are expected to be served through highly trained law enforcement and fire-rescue. Total estimated regional population to be served is 300,000. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office, local and regional partners will be the direct target population served. FCSO has 200 sworn law enforcement personnel, along with 53 certified corrections deputies who are in need of quarterly and annual training. Some of our local partners served and receiving a direct benefit include the City of Bunnell Police Department (14 employees) and the City of Flagler Beach Policy Department (15 employees). Additionally, as a multi-jurisdictional training facility, this project has the potential of providing training related services to several thousand professional law enforcement and first responder personnel in the region.

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

The expected outcome includes qualitative and quantitative training opportunities for all law enforcement, fire-rescue, and emergency management personnel; a reduction in the agency's liabilities as a result of a highly trained workforce; and a reduction in overall operating costs with travel and rental fees no longer necessitated by lack of a local option. These outcomes will be measured by crime rates, customer service feedback, risk reduction statistics, operating revenue and expenses and number of law enforcement, fire-rescue and emergency management personnel meeting required qualifications.

##### 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?

Construction penalties will be included in the contract. No further funding will be provided for this project.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name



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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
- 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