



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2203

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is a state of the art Urban Search and Rescue training facility. The facility will have a central location in the Panhandle, which is the most under resourced area of the state as it relates to Urban Search and Rescue assets, and will provide accessible training to fire service professionals resulting in responders who are better equipped to protect citizens throughout the state.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	900,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	900,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,800,000	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.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 2024

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.

Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No amount of the requested appropriations will be used towards this cost.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Requested funds will be used for the construction and development of an Urban Search and Rescue technical rescue training facility including classroom, props, and site for training responders in the disciplines of high and low angle rope rescue, confined space rescue, vehicle and machinery rescue, trench rescue, and structural collapse rescue.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The panhandle of Florida, designated at Region 1 in the State Emergency Response Plan, is the only region that does not include an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force. The goal of this funding is to increase USAR capabilities in this area of our state by providing accessible training its fire service professionals. Once adequate numbers of trained professionals are achieved, fire departments can collaborate to form a USAR Task Force and will not have to rely on outside resources.

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

Citizens in communities throughout the Panhandle of Florida will be the recipients of emergency response from fire service professionals with a higher level training and capability in technical rescue emergencies.

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

Services provided to communities throughout the Panhandle will be emergency response from responders highly trained in technical rescue disciplines including high and low angle rope rescue, confined space rescue, vehicle and machinery rescue, trench rescue, and structural collapse rescue.

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

The target population served by this project will be fire service professionals and the citizens of the communities they protect. This will included hundreds of urban search and rescue responders and thousands of the citizens that they protect.

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

This project will benefit the general public by increasing the number of fully trained Urban Search and Rescue responders in an area of our state which is currently the most under resourced as it relates to this type of emergency responders. The level of benefit for this project can be measured by the sum of responders trained at this facility. Although more difficult to measure the greatest benefit will be lives saved.

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 Fire District may, at any time, without cause, order Bidder in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the work in whole or in part for such period of time as the Fire District may determine, or to terminate all or a portion of the Contract for the Fire District's convenience. Upon such termination, the Contract Price earned to the date of termination shall be paid to Bidder, but Bidder waives any claim for damages, including loss of profits arising out of or related to the early termination.

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)



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☐ 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