



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2471

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will facilitate the construction of a Regional Medical Examiner's Office serving Putnam, Flagler and St Johns counties. The current location is obsolete and requires the use of two separate structures. The facility also lacks the required security measures, creates inefficiencies in the processes, and exceeds the recommended storage capacity. The current facility will not be able to meet the projected demands for service. This project will relocate the current services out of a recognized flood zone and prevent disruption in service created by weather related events. As mandated by Florida Statute 406, this project will also provide accurate, timely, and thorough death investigations for families of the deceased, law enforcement, and the general public. The facility will be located in the vicinity of the SJC Sheriff's Complex. This project has the full support of the Putnam County Sheriff, Flagler County Sheriff and the St Johns County Sheriff.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	11,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	11,700,000

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)	11,700,000	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	11,700,000	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.

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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 the Regional Medical Examiners Office	11,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		11,700,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Build a Regional Medical Examiner's Office serving Putnam, Flagler and St. Johns counties at the Sheriffs Administration Complex. The existing facility is inadequate and currently housed in two separate structures. This creates backups in processing, exceeds storage capacity, lacks the required security measures and will not meet the future demands. This project will remove the building from a flood zone and prevent disruption in service created by weather related events. This project will also create efficiencies with processing resulting in an expedited judicial process.

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

To design and construct a Medical Examiner Facility to serve Putnam County, Flagler County and St. Johns County to provide accurate, timely, and thorough death investigations for families of the deceased, law enforcement, and the general public as outlined by Florida Statute 406. This project will also relocate the existing facility out of a recognized flood zone to assure there is no loss or disruption of services due to a weather related event.

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

In accordance with Florida Statue 406, this project shall serve Putnam County, Flagler County and St. Johns County to provide accurate, timely, and thorough death investigations for families of the deceased, law enforcement, and the general public as outlined by Florida Statute 406. This project will also relocate the existing facility out of a recognized flood zone to assure there is no loss or disruption of services due to a weather related event.

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

The population served will be the citizens of Putnam County, Flagler County and St. Johns County. The projected population is 508,277.

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

The outcome of this project is the ability to meet the demand for service and produce evidence and results with greater efficiency, which expedites the associated judicial processes. The outcome will be measured in process data provided by the Medical Examiner's Office. Improved employee health: improved ventilation system, radiological protection, work space, etc

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
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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