



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2763

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Broward County Sheriff's Office requests funding for a second set of turnout gear for its firefighters program is a proactive initiative aimed at enhancing the safety, health, and operational effectiveness of firefighting personnel. This program centers around providing each firefighter with an additional set of turnout gear. With a primary focus on firefighter well-being, the program allows for quicker gear changes during operations, reducing exposure to carcinogens and hazardous materials, which can lead to long-term health risks. Additionally, it ensures firefighters are always prepared for emergencies, improving turnaround times and the protection of lives and property. By providing a second set of turnout gear, this program is a proactive step towards safeguarding firefighters and, by extension, the public they serve.

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	456,183
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	456,183

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)	456,183	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	892,871	66%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,349,054	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?**



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

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.

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	Secondary sets of turnout gear for 117 regional firefighter personnel @ \$3,899.00 per set.	456,183
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		456,183

14. Program Performance

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

To purchase secondary sets of turnout gear for regional firefighters. BSO is working with Broward County, BS Enterprise Funds and contract cities to provide funding for additional secondary sets with the goal of providing a second set to all 697 firefighting personnel by 2026. Sixty-nine (69) sets were purchased in 2024 and 346 sets will be purchased in 2025. The entire costs for the project will be \$2,759,816 through the next three years.



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

A second set of turnout gear can facilitate various activities and services for firefighters, enhancing their safety and operational capabilities. These enhancements include: backup gear availability, improved safety, carcinogen exposure reduction, extended gear lifespan, and quicker emergency response readiness.

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

Providing a second set of turnout gear benefits citizens directly by offering cleaner gear with less cross contamination on emergency responses and quicker turnaround times for firefighters. This improved readiness and gear maintenance contribute to enhanced emergency response and safety for the community, ultimately protecting lives and property more effectively.

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

697 Fire Rescue/Paramedic personnel.

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

The introduction of a second set of bunker gear is expected to result in a reduction of work-related illnesses among firefighters, particularly in terms of a decreased incidence of cancer cases. The rate of these illnesses before and after the gear's implementation can be compared to measure the benefit of the second set of turnout gear. While the benefits of a second set of turnout gear in protecting the public from harm are significant, quantifying these effects can be challenging. However, you can consider the following approaches to measure the impact: turnaround time improvement, reduced exposure to carcinogens, decreased medical costs to the agency and ultimately the tax payers.

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?

Return of funds.

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
- University or College



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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