



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2123

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funding of this project will be used to implement the final stage of construction of the Gadsden County Public Safety Complex, which includes the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Communications Center and Sheriff's Office. The facility will provide much needed functional space for co-location of county emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery activities and services, including accommodating all county agencies and public and private partners for pre and post event meetings and coordination efforts. The requested amount to complete the final stage of this project is \$5 Million. Due to the increase in building cost, the proposed funds are needed to finalize construction of the project. Additionally, the requested funds are needed to properly outfit the Public Safety Complex with furnishings, IT/communications and audiovisual equipment.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	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>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	3,398,834	2710	No

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.**



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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.

## 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
<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	Furnishings, IT/Communications and Audio Visual Equipment to properly operate.	1,100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Final Stage of construction of Gadsden County's Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Complex.	3,900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds will be used to complete the final stage of construction of Gadsden County's Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Complex. The facility will provide the necessary functional space for co-location of county emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities, and services, including accommodating all county agencies and public and private partners for pre and post event meetings and coordination efforts. Gadsden County is in desperate need of a new EOG and multi-purpose facility to co-locate emergency response and disaster services. Currently the Sheriff's Office and EOG are housed in a 70+ year old building that does not meet hurricane building codes. The facility is also too small to accommodate meetings with representatives and support staff of all agencies needed during an emergency.

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

The provision of disaster and emergency related activities and services that are normally associated with and provided by EOCs across the nation and those unique to Gadsden County. It will also provide a dedicated, unified EOC Command Center, E911 Office, 911 Communication Center and law enforcement for all disaster and emergency planning, response and recovery activities for Gadsden County. Emergency and disaster planning, recovery and response activities will be coordinated and implemented under one roof. This will ensure that all emergency and disaster related services, activities, communication and information needs are conducted in a cohesive and timely manner to all citizens, visitors, businesses and partners.

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

All emergency and disaster planning, recovery, and response activities will be coordinated and implemented under one roof to include those of law enforcement, fire/EMS, and emergency management. This will ensure that emergency and disaster related services, activities, communication, and information needs are conducted in a cohesive and timely manner to citizens, visitors, businesses, and partners.

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

All demographic groups will benefit from this project. More than 45,000 individuals are 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?**

The construction of a new EOC and Public Safety Complex provides a multi-purpose facility which consolidates staffing to provide the provision of necessary and essential emergency and disaster services and activities (i.e., planning, response and recovery) to Gadsden County residents, businesses, visitors and public and private partners. The County will continue to monitor the response time of calls for emergency services and develop other performance measures as appropriate to ensure the public's safety and successful coordination with other government agencies during emergency and disaster events.

**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?**

Corrective action plan created, measured and implemented with a success timeline for the state to continue funding the project.

**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



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#### 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