



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2527

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Continued education and training are vital to the services provided for public health and safety. Hernando County Public Safety Departments (Departments) do not have adequate training facilities available and must travel out of the County for training needs. Since 2012, the Departments have been working on identifying appropriate land and funding to construct facilities to accommodate the ongoing training needs of their staff. While numerous training facilities are in other areas of the State it means our public servants are not available to respond timely or effectively due to the distances away from Hernando County. It also requires cooperative and sometimes complex scheduling. A suitable facility should be constructed to accommodate continued training requirements as well as provide new fire rescue and law enforcement candidates a proper environment and facilities to learn and hone their skills. Hernando County has 60 acres of land earmarked for a public safety training facility.

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	7,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>7,100,000</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)	7,100,000	88%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,010,000	12%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>8,110,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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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.

Approximately \$36 million. The funds were used to provide personnel with personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as reimbursement for additional personnel costs, assistance to businesses affected by COVID-19, equipment needed for remote working, etc.

## 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 Hernando County Board of County Commissioners own the property and would be the owners of the constructed facility.

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	Funding will be used for architectural, engineering, design and construction of the training facility for fire, emergency medical services and law enforcement.	7,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>7,100,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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The training center will be utilized for fire, emergency medical services and law enforcement for training of their personnel to prepare them for their jobs of protecting and caring for the citizens of Hernando County (County). Having the training center within the County alleviates the necessity to take personnel out of the county to train. This leaves them available, if needed, to respond to calls.

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

The funds will be used for design, engineering and construction of the shared facility by Fire, EMS and law enforcement. By designing a shared compound with fire, emergency medical services, and law enforcement will be beneficial and cost effective by sharing the facility.

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

The funds will be used for design, engineering and construction of the shared facility by Fire, EMS and law enforcement. By designing a shared compound with fire, emergency medical services, and law enforcement will be beneficial and cost effective by sharing the facility.

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

The entire Hernando County population of 201,037. Anyone within the County who calls on fire, EMS or law enforcement will benefit from the skills of personnel from all agencies.

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

Funding will provide for the construction of the facility which in turn allows for training to be accomplished in County. Training will be measured by the success oooof law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics in the field while responding to the citizens.

**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 County will reimburse State Funding for failure to meet the deliverables.

**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



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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**