



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2362

1. **Title of Project:** Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/13/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team (EC-SAR) is the only collegiate volunteer maritime search and rescue team in the United States. Its mission is to provide assistance to the Tampa Bay community through a co-curricular program that teaches students lifetime skills and promotes community service. EC-SAR responds to virtually any sort of maritime distress, disaster or problem imaginable. Under the direction of professionally trained staff members, students coordinate the utilization of four rescue boats and an operations/communications center to save lives and property on a daily basis. Since it was established in 1971, EC-SAR has become a critical provider of maritime search and rescue services in the waterways of Boca Ciega Bay, Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico in the tri-county Tampa Bay region of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee counties.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	277,040
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	277,040

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	277,040	100.0%
Federal		0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.0%
Local		0.0%
Other		0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	277,040	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 277,040

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facilities and docks maintenance, insurance, office supplies, printing, phones, maintenance, storage, promotion, etc.	88,040
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This includes general equipment, electronics and safety equipment, uniform sand personal gear, training supplies, fuel, and other necessary supplies. Additionally, this includes the purchase and outfitting of a new rescue boat.	189,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		277,040

11. Program Performance:

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

Improve our maritime services for the boating community through the utilization of updated technology, more reliable boats and equipment, better communication with other agencies, and expanded training opportunities for members. Provide more resources for boating education to the public and promotion of services to boaters.

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

Replace boats on a more frequent basis and equip them with updated and reliable safety gear and navigational and communications equipment. It would also provide funding for training resources, gear for members that they currently pay for themselves, maintenance of boats and equipment and general administrative costs.

c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Working closely with the US Coast Guard, 911 Emergency Medical Response, and other state and local agencies, EC-SAR provides free 24-hour maritime assistance to the boaters of Tampa Bay. Services include: search and rescue services; Basic Life Support (BLS) medical response through Pinellas County 911 Dispatch; firefighting; missing persons or overdue vessel search coordination/execution; dewatering sinking vessels; aid to disabled and aground vessels.



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

EC-SAR serves a 500-square nautical mile area of response, adding to the maritime safety of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee counties including 26 municipalities with resident populations totaling over 2.5 million people, including an estimated 105,602 registered boats. EC-SAR's service area ranges from Longboat Pass (27°26.00 N) to John's Pass (27°48.50 N) and 10 miles West into the Gulf of Mexico (082°55.70). During the past year, EC-SAR responded to 521 calls for assistance, helping 701 people and saving \$4.6 million dollars of property from loss or damage.

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

The benefit of this project will be the continued and increased ability of the ECSAR program to save lives in the Tampa Bay area. The effective measures of success will be increased response times and 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 in the contract?

The agency may discontinue the project if deliverables are not met.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The college owns the facility and is also the receiver of funds.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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