



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1157

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

4. Project/Program Description

St Petersburg College is the regional training center for 13 separate law enforcement agencies and numerous federal agencies. This "simulation city, comprised of numerous faux and limited penetration structures, will allow officers to respond to calls for service in a realistic and immersive setting. Officers will practically apply classroom skills involving de-escalation techniques, officer safety, school and student active shooter practices and numerous other law enforcement techniques to provide a safe community environment consistent with community standards. Additionally, this project will include Fire and EMS personnel.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	420,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	90,000
Total State Funds Requested	510,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	510,000	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 2021-2022	510,000	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.**
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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.

St. Pete College has received a total \$6,406,741 of institutional CARES Act funds. The vast majority of this money was for student financial aid, technology and software costs, and online learning capabilities.

11. 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	Funds will be used for conceptual rendering of "Simulation City" and stamped architectural drawing per construction code.	50,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Prefabricated offices to create school, office, and industrial complex scenarios for law enforcement, fire, and EMS training. Props and signage to create various realistic and mobile environments to enhance the training experience and align with curriculum requirements. Four mobile training units to recreate a realistic residential environment for law enforcement, fire, and EMS training.	370,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Paved driveways/roadway, curbs, and appropriate landscaping to provide a realistic training environment for law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel. Additionally, this funding will provide support for renovation of current areas and minor foundation work (concrete) to include utilities.	90,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		510,000

12. Program Performance

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

The proposed "Simulation City" will be the only of its type in Florida and designed to place law enforcement, Fire, and EMS professionals in a realistic and immersive environment. Faced with a realistic re-creation of the community they will be working in, instructors can create scenarios designed to make students think through those behaviors that are intended to prevent escalation of conflicts and align agency cooperation for the improved physical and mental outcome of the citizen subject. People may become committed to behaviors that tend to escalate conflict, so specific measures must be taken to avoid such escalation. This facility will enhance participant awareness regarding community expectations towards de-escalation techniques, diversity awareness, proper use of force, responder awareness, and quality health care.

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

The St Petersburg College Public Safety Training Center provides the initial academy training for approximately 250 law enforcement and correctional officers, 100 Firefighters, and 200 EMS professionals. Additionally, this center provides specialized training for 3,000 federal, state, and local public safety professionals. Training center coordinators are currently developing curriculum that will provide additional training opportunities for public safety professionals in new techniques associated with de-escalation techniques, communication, critical thinking, responder safety, and access to quality health care.

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



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This project serves students from across the State through higher education training programs. Public and private agencies rely on our graduates to meet current needs and support economic mobility with their organizations and communities. The planned renovations will address student access to enhanced courses and equipment as well as techniques that are aligned with evidence-based best practices in policing, fire science, and emergency medicine.

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

Florida students and their families who are either interested in a public safety career and/or who are currently serving with an agency. There were 3,300 students enrolled at St Petersburg College of Public Safety last year and approximately 45,000 students served by the college in the 2018-2019 academic year.

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

Public safety professionals will learn safe and proper responses to incidents and the proper use of force escalation and de-escalation techniques within diverse populations. This will result in less incidents of civil unrest as well as measured reductions in injuries to first responders and the public.

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?

All contracts have performance requirements and penalties that protect the state's and the public's investment. No additional penalties are needed for this project.

13. 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 facility is owned by a state funded college within the Florida College System.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number