



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1334

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will purchase bunker gear for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue fire fighters in collaboration with 2019 Senate Bill 426 in an effort to reduce exposure to cancer causing agents. The funds will be used to provide 400 complete bunker gear sets for Palm Beach County fire fighters for a total project cost of \$1,200,000. This is our continued effort in minimizing the known risk of cancer to our firefighters. This project is crucial to the health and well being of our firefighters. This effort provides a critical piece of firefighter safety and falls in line with ongoing legislative efforts to reduce firefighter cancer.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	400,000	2416a	Yes

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.

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million dollars. Funding was used for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel.

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	This total amount will be used to purchase Bunker Gear Sets that will be used to protect all Palm Beach County Fire Rescue firefighters from the ongoing risks of cancer.	800,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		800,000

12. Program Performance

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

Through extensive research from University of Miami, it has been proven that bunker gear contains cancer causing contaminants after a fire and there is a risk of cross contamination. This potential exposure has been identified to have serious health risks to our firefighters. This project will provide the needed set of bunker gear to help protect out firefighter from this cross contamination and exposure to cancer.

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

The funds will be used to provide 400 complete bunker gear sets for Palm Beach County fire fighters in an effort to reduce exposure to cancer causing agents.

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

One firefighter's illness or death causes a rippling affect to our community which not only impacts the firefighter, their family, the department and community as a whole. When fire department staff are provided with protective equipment, this reduces the incidents of illnesses and disease, allowing them to be available to provide services to the citizens in need. This provision will also assist in increasing the interest of this career choice for young people in our community.

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

At-risk firefighters and staff that respond to fire related calls throughout Palm Beach County. According to a 2018 census report, the county had a population of 1,485,941, making it the third-most populous county in the state of Florida and the 25th-most populous county in the United States. The total population is counted because the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is responsible for providing all municipalities within the County support for any given emergency.

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



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Decreased incidents of exposure to carcinogens by firefighters and staff that will ultimately cause cancer related illnesses and diseases. Because we have access to the use of the staff at the Palm Beach County Health Department, if approved by the Fire Department Administrator and PBC Commissioners and staff volunteers, a before and after study of health related illnesses could be completed to determine if this additional equipment has helped our rates of loss time due to illness compared to before we received the additional equipment. Because the Univ of Miami has done studies, a partnership could be formed to assist in their research classes and to justify the expense for our future budgets.

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 standard penalties are adequate.

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.

Palm Beach County is the owner of this facility and the entity.



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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) Local Government

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