



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1971

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Sarasota County is in the development stages of constructing a Regional Fire/EMS Training Academy to support multi-agency training efforts and to provide educational opportunities for technical fire science and emergency medical services at the secondary education, on-going post-employment, and post-secondary education levels. The training facility would allow students who want to become firefighter/EMTs to attend school, receive their certifications, and get hired by regional departments. The projected total cost is up to \$25,000,000. The County is currently funding \$2,000,000 for site planning in FY21. In FY22, the Sarasota County School District has committed \$5,000,000 and the County plans to fund up to an additional \$18,000,000. This local funding initiative request is for \$2,000,000 that will be used to support the construction of one of the burn buildings on the property.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	8%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	18,000,000	72%
Other	5,000,000	20%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>25,000,000</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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

**If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.**

Yes. Sarasota County has received \$218,611,497.62 in federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CARES - \$97,042,460.62 (transports; COVID shelter supplies including thermometers, hand sanitizer stands and bags; short term loans; meals on wheels; rental & mortgage assistance, etc.); CRRSA - \$15,792,152 (individual rental & utility assistance; public transportation); ARP - \$105,776,875 (Sustain operations of transit operations; individual rental and utility assistance).

**11. 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	Projected total costs are up to \$25,000,000, which includes site design, permitting, and construction. The \$2,000,000 in funding requested from the State will be used to support the construction of one of the burn buildings.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

This funding will assist in the construction of a Regional Fire/EMS Training Academy to support multi-agency training efforts and to provide educational opportunities for technical fire science and emergency medical services at the secondary education, on-going post-employment, and post-secondary education levels. The training facility would allow students who want to become firefighters/EMTs to attend school, receive their certifications, and get hired by regional departments.

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

This facility will offer educational and training opportunities to high school students, university/college students, and others interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter/EMT, as well as those currently employed by local public safety entities. Specific training activities include fire props and scenarios, search and rescue, trench rescue, confined spaces, EMS, aircraft and marine rescue.

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

This facility will educate, train, and certify emerging firefighter/EMTs and those currently employed with the Sarasota County Fire Department and other regional fire rescue agencies. In turn, these individuals serve the community and offer direct services to the citizens of the community by providing life safety, fire prevention, fire protection, fire suppression, and emergency medical services.

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



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The target population includes high school students, university/college students, and technical school students, as well as those currently employed with SCFD and other fire rescue agencies. The project will serve hundreds of individuals and will continue to serve individuals in the target population over many years to come.

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

The outcome is improved quality of education for firefighter/EMTs. Measures include graduation rates, certification rates for firefighters and EMTs), and the percent of certified graduates that obtain employment within within the field of study within two years of graduation. This outcome will be measured through partnership with the School District. Performance measures are tracked by data relating to graduation rates, certification rates, and employment within the field of study following graduation. Ongoing evaluation of these measures can lead to modifications in training and education curricula to foster improvements.

**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?**

Sarasota County contract penalties could include: Our standard contract provisions including, liquidated damages, withholding payment and/or termination of contract.

**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.**

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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