



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1180

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

It is vital that local law enforcement agencies stay operational before, during, and after a major countywide emergency in order to remain at the front-line to protect the safety of the families in its community. As has been highlighted by recent events, the capability for local Sheriff's Offices to coordinate from a secure base of operations during a countywide emergency is paramount.

If funded, this initiative would allow for the acquisition of the necessary infrastructure to harden and fortify the Pasco Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center, which is located at Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST) in Land O'Lakes, FL. This would include storm fortifications such as wind shutters, generators, drainage improvements, and other additional improvements, ultimately allowing law enforcement to take major steps to maintain operational readiness whenever a disaster may strike.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,600,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,600,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,600,000</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.

## 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

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.

As the Pasco Sheriff's Office is a local law enforcement agency, ownership of the improvements to the facility would ultimately reside with the local governing Board of County Commissioners. In this case, it would be Pasco County Government.

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	This request entails the construction of critical hardening measures to the Pasco Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center, which is centrally located within the county. These hardening measures would allow the continued use of a central center of operations for law enforcement in the case of a natural disaster or emergency.	3,600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,600,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds requested would be utilized for the construction and acquisition of the necessary infrastructure to harden and fortify the Pasco Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center located at Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (F1RST) in Land O'Lakes, FL. With this infrastructure, we will take a critical step to maintain operational readiness to better protect the safety of our citizens before, during, and after a disaster or emergency.

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

With these funds and the acquisition of the hardening improvements described herein, the Pasco Sheriff's Office will be able to fully harden the Pasco F1RST Campus and ensure that law enforcement can coordinate in the most effective and efficient manner possible for the benefit of the citizens of Pasco County.

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

As described above, communities and citizens in Pasco County would be serviced through the benefit of increased efficiency and effectiveness by first responders whenever a disaster may strike. By ensuring that law enforcement has the ability to coordinate from a secure base of operations during an emergency or disaster, we can take critical steps to reinforce our ability to deploy first responders in the most effective and efficient manner.

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

The target population served by this project would be the citizenry of Pasco County as a whole. As a result of this funding, the Pasco Sheriff's Office will be able to ensure that our first responders providing emergency response before, during, and after a major emergency or natural disaster will be able to do so in the most efficient and effective manner as possible.

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

As a result of the funds requested for this project, the expectation is that Pasco residents will benefit from the ability of the Pasco Sheriff's Office to effectively maintain operation of a centrally located emergency operations center before, during, and after an emergency or disaster, which would result in the fortification of our ability to protect our citizens' safety as well as our ability to assist with cleanup and restoration efforts. These benefits can be measured through increases to coordination and operational readiness as well as decreases to panic and concern about emergency response from Pasco 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?**

Failure to utilize the funds in the method outlined in this request would result in return of funds to the state.

#### 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**



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**