



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2130

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Replace old portable/mobile emergency radios, dispatch consoles, equipment/software for use by multiple agencies: Okeechobee County EMS, Fire Rescue, Sheriff, School Board, Utility Authority & BOCC with SLERS-2 APCO P-25 Phase 2 system. Meets DMS Law Enforcement Communications Plan: direct communications with all state law enforcement agencies, 24/7/365 monitoring to ensure safety of first responders, citizenry, protection of life, health and property.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	4,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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 2023-2024	4,000,000	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.

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.



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The county received \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds that was used to address Jail Expansion/Renovation from revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure and tourist development shortfall.

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase and install SLERS-2 APCO P-25 Phase 2 emergency Portable and Mobile Radios, dispatch consoles, bi-directional antenna, hardware/software for multiple Okeechobee County agencies: EMS, Fire Rescue/Public Safety Dept., Sheriff, School Board, Utility Authority and County Commission emergency units.	4,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	n/a	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to ensure safety of first responders, citizenry, protection of life, health and property with replacement of old portable/ mobile emergency radios, dispatch consoles, equipment/software for use by multiple agencies: Okeechobee County EMS, Fire Rescue, Sheriff, School Board, Utility Authority & BOCC with SLERS-2 APCO P-25 Phase 2 system. Meets DMS Law Enforcement Communications Plan: direct communications with all state law enforcement agencies, 24/7/365.

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

Activities include purchase, install, test and train staff on SLERS-2 APCO Standards P-25 Phase 2 compliant portable/mobile radios, dispatch consoles, software/hardware that will be used by multiple county agencies for greater interoperability for all users in emergencies, hurricanes, hazardous events, daily operations of public safety.

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

Direct services to citizens in this Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern and Rural Area of Opportunity is statewide communications on the SLERS-S APCO Standards P-25 radio system that provides greater interoperability for all users, improved response to safe lives, reduce fatalities/injuries property damage, etc. Maintains a safe, healthy, quality of life. Provides safety professionals the required equipment to respond to emergencies, accidents, weather related events to serve the citizens efficiently and effectively.

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

Population served is the residents, businesses and visitors of Okeechobee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81; and as outlined in s. 288.0656, F.S., Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity; Greater than 40,000 expected to be served.

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

Measure is installed and operational SLERS-2 APCO P-25 Phase 2 radio systems for use by multiple county agencies; Meets DMS Law Enforcement Communications Plan, 2018 Edition; interoperability is key to protecting the general public from harm; cost efficient and effective; and completion and certification of the project.

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?

Contractual milestones to be adhered to throughout the project; non-payment of invoices until milestones addressed; and liquidated damages, if needed.

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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