



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2629

1. Project Title North Lauderdale Fire Rescue Communication Systems

2. Senate Sponsor Rosalind Osgood

3. Date of Request 02/11/2023

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Communications systems are the lifeline for emergency response personnel. Systems can be pushed to the limit when emergency incidents, such as, fires and/or catastrophic natural disasters strike. Hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other comparably devastating events impact people and property, requiring large, coordinated response efforts. Failure to inter-operate during these kinds of events threaten emergency personnel as well as the overall safety of the emergency incident. Currently, the Fire Rescue Department operates with Motorola communications systems utilizing model APX 6000/7000XE portable radios and APX 6500 Mobile systems to conduct day to day operations for communications with 911 dispatch and multiple Fire Rescue agencies throughout Broward County. Motorola recently stated that the communications system in place will be obsolete by the end of 2023 and will no longer be supported causing a disruption of service and financial burden on the city.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Management Services

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>200,000</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)	200,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>400,000</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.

Non-Ad Valorem tax revenue which would require an increase to the Fire Assessment rate that the property owners of the City pay



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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.**

CARES Act funding passed through Broward County to offset unbudgeted cost of PPE and personnel expenses to combat / respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.  
The city received CARES Act County funding of \$1,070,073. The funding was used for: a food program, improved telework capabilities of public employees, nursing home assistance, payroll for public health and safety employees, personal protective equipment, public health expenses, small business assistance, and other related expenses.

## 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
<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	To remain operational ready, the department is seeking financial assistance to purchase 35 portable radios (personnel handhelds estimated at \$4-6K per radio) and 5 mobile radios (apparatus units estimated at \$4-6K per device) as well as ancillary associated equipment and programming.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>200,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

North Lauderdale Fire Rescue communications operates under the Broward County Consolidated Regional E911 System. The public safety radios that we wish to purchase support advanced services that Broward County deploys including GPS Smart Mapping where users can find addresses, see their locations, view the location of other units and firefighters as well as automatically switching between P25 and broadband LTE to maintain voice communications regardless of radio coverage. This improvement will greatly enhance safety and operational readiness while maintaining the continuity of service provided to the community.

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

The intended purpose of the funding is to produce direct improved response and on scene operations through better communications. Joint training operations with neighboring agencies to familiarize personnel with new equipment and improved communications will be consistent with all National Standards and will provide for surrounding emergency response agencies within Broward County to work together to provide better service.

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

These communication radios are equipped with Smart Mapping where users can find addresses faster, and improved routing to the emergency incidents will save precious time from the moment the incident is dispatched to arrival on scene. Faster response times will provide the best service and reliability to the residents and visitors of North Lauderdale as well as surrounding communities in Broward County.

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

A better equipped fire/rescue department will benefit not only all the residents of North Lauderdale, but all emergency personnel, who utilize the equipment, will be safer and more efficient adding the new up to date technological advances in communication systems. Additionally, neighboring fire departments that are also responsible for providing updated communication equipment will be able to work seamlessly together with North Lauderdale personnel to mitigate emergency incidents that occur within the Broward County communities.

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

Maintaining operational readiness and continuity of service by upgrading to a technological advanced communications system provides the best benefit to the community. Better communications on emergency incidents is paramount in maintaining safety and consistency with personnel as well as minimizing the time it takes for emergency units to arrive on scene and seamless communications when operating on scene. Improved response times are a measurable factor that can be quantified and used as a tool to gauge the effectiveness of improved communication equipment. Personnel will be invested into gauging the effectiveness on deployed operations by improved communications providing better performance on scene.

##### 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?

We do not feel there will be any negative issues associated with this project and all expectations will be met 100%.

#### 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



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**