



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1162

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding request is to develop and construct a new Volusia Sheriff's Office (VSO) Headquarters. The new location will provide higher ground for a backup for the Volusia Public Safety Answering Point in the event of flooding and provide a centralized dry location to better respond to public emergencies and natural disasters. The new headquarters will improve public accessibility for reporting crimes, seeking assistance, and attending community meetings. Consolidating various VSO office locations into a single centralized facility will lead to significant cost savings and reduce the financial burden on taxpayers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	10,000,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	32,504,000	76%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	42,504,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

County Budget- County of Volusia Government and Volusia Sheriff's Office will allocate funds from their annual budgets to cover ongoing operational costs and maintenance.

11. 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.

The County of Volusia Government currently owns the land for the proposed development site, the property's current fair market values is \$1,367,026. The VSO is a Constitutional Office, the County serves as its fiduciary, overseeing the budget, funding allocations, and financial reporting.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expenses will cover building construction costs including (1) Site Preparation-permitting/surveying, excavation, and grading; (2) Foundation/Structure Construction- concrete footings/pilings, concrete slab, steel/framework erection, load-bearing walls; (3) Exterior Construction- building envelope consisting of exterior walls, windows, doors, insulation, roofing, cladding/facade; (4) Interior Construction-partition walls, interior doors, HVAC system, plumbing, fire protection systems, security.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance



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

The funds requested for building a new centralized VSO headquarters will achieve multiple goals, including: (1) Increased Public Safety: A modern, well-equipped headquarters will enhance the ability to respond to emergencies and maintain public safety; (2) Cost Savings: Over time, the centralized facility will generate cost savings through shared resources, reduced rent/maintenance costs, and improved operational efficiency; (3) Public Emergency Response: The new headquarters will be located on higher ground with a low flood risk. The lower flood risk and location will allow for better response to natural disasters and allow the agency to relocate the back up of the Volusia Public Safety Answering Point, which oversees all public safety calls for the county; (4) Increased Community Engagement: The new headquarters will serve as a hub for community outreach programs, fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community.

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

Activities & services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of the funds include the following: (1) Law Enforcement Operations-The headquarters will house command staff, administrative staff, support staff, investigative staff & patrol under one roof allowing for coordination of daily operations and emergency situations to include faster response times and increased public safety; (2) The headquarters will consolidate/centralize services including IT, payroll, human resources, finance, purchasing, patrol, and investigative divisions in one location, thus reducing overhead expenses including rent/utility costs; (3) The consolidated centralized headquarters will improve collaboration and communication among units and provide a centralized meeting space in one location that will reduce travel time/expenses for interdepartmental meetings/collaborations; (4) The headquarters will include spaces for community programs, meetings, and events to foster better community relationships.

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

The new headquarters will provide the following direct services to citizens; (1) Enhanced Public Safety-Enhanced coordination & response times for emergency and non-emergency incidents, ensuring the safety & security of the community; (2) Community Outreach Programs-Spaces for community meetings, workshops, and events aimed at building relationships & trust between law enforcement and citizens; (3) Victim Advocate Services-dedicated area for VSO Victim Advocates to provide support & resources to victims of crimes including advocacy, counseling, and assistance with navigating the justice system; (4) Records & Permits-centralized location for the processing of public records requests, background checks, fingerprinting, and permits for firearms, events, and other activities; (5) Administrative Services-centralized location for the public seeking administrative support including questions, complaints, and other inquiries from the public.

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 include all residents and visitors of Volusia County, Florida, Volusia Sheriff's Office employees. This population encompasses a diverse demographic including families, business, and tourists seeking various services from the Volusia Sheriff's Office. The 2022 U.S. Census showed approximately 580,000 residents in Volusia County, Florida. In 2023, Volusia County saw approximately 10.14 million visitors during special events like Bike Week, the Daytona 500 and other NASCAR races, festivals, etc. This project will serve any/all the residents, businesses, and tourists seeking law enforcement services from Volusia Sheriff's Office.

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

The expected benefits & outcomes of this project include: (1) Enhanced Public Safety-improved coordination & faster response times to emergencies; (2) Operational Efficiency-streamlined processes & reduced redundancies leading to cost savings; (3) Community Engagement-strengthened relationship between law enforcement and the community through outreach programs & public services; (4) Resource Optimization-More efficient use of resources including equipment and personnel; (5) Overall Cost Savings-reduced spending on multiple office locations/utilities. Methodology for Measuring Outcomes: (1) Response Times-monitoring/comparing response times to emergency calls before & after the new headquarters is operational; (2) Cost Savings-tracking budget reports to identify cost savings from reduced maintenance, consolidated services, and improved efficiencies; (3) Community Feedback-conducting surveys and community meetings to gather feedback on the impact of the new headquarters on public safety.

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 in the contract?



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Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures include the following: (1) Corrective Action Plans- requiring the Volusia Sheriff's Office to develop and implement a corrective action plan to address any contractual deficiencies; (2) Withholding of Payments- withholding of payments until the required deliverables or performance measures have been met; (3) Increased Oversight-Imposing increased oversight and additional reporting requirements to closely monitor the progress of the project and adherence to the contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.