



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1229

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Simulation-based training significantly enhances emergency medical service (EMS) preparedness. Studies demonstrate that hands-on simulation prevents 60-90% of fatal medical errors while improving clinical performance, diagnostic accuracy, and response times.

FASTT provides state-funded trauma simulation equipment to emergency services through a shared-resource model. This program enables fire departments and law enforcement agencies to access advanced training tools within their geographic areas. The initiative supports both professional trauma training and community outreach programs such as "Stop the Bleed."

For Florida's trauma system educators, FASTT eliminates procurement barriers and addresses critical training gaps. By providing access to modern simulation technology, the program strengthens trauma response capabilities and ultimately saves more lives through enhanced system-wide preparedness.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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 2025-2026	1,500,000	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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Oversight, management and distribution of awarded funds and delivery of equipment and training to designated service areas.	120,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Four EMT & Paramedic Training Programs approved by the FL DOH will receive DoD validated high fidelity human & canine trauma simulation manikins for pre-hospital trauma care training. New equipment & specialized training provided to sites; instructors & students will learn how to maximize the educational value of these advanced simulation systems. Local fire departments & law enforcement training programs will have access to this equipment to strengthen regional emergency response capabilities.	1,380,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance



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

This training program enhances emergency medical response in Florida through advanced trauma simulation. By equipping first responders with proven simulation technology, we strengthen critical care capabilities—particularly in rural regions with extended transport times.

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

EMS training sites will receive trauma simulators to help emergency responders practice life-saving skills. These simulators will be placed at four locations and serve as training tools for both new students and experienced providers in the area. Teams can practice responding to various emergency scenarios, from major disasters to active shooter situations, in a realistic but safe environment.

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

Floridians will get faster, more effective trauma care thanks to enhanced EMS response teams treating injuries right at the scene. Using cutting-edge trauma simulators, EMS personnel can now practice complex emergency scenarios before they encounter them in real life, sharpening their skills and reaction times. This hands-on training means better chances of survival and recovery for every resident who needs emergency medical help.

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

Target Population: All Florida residents (23 million), with critical focus on rural communities. Rural EMS providers response times average 14 minutes compared to 7 minutes in urban areas. The project addresses significant rural challenges, including training shortages and limited resources, to improve survival rates across all injury categories. Current data shows Florida's injury rates exceed national averages, with particular concern for motor vehicle, fall, and drowning incidents in rural regions.

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

EMS training improves through hands-on simulation. Providing simulation tools to emergency services and training facilities ensures better preparation for medical responders, with studies showing simulation training prevents 60-90% of medical errors resulting in death. Research demonstrates simulation-based training consistently improves clinical performance, diagnostic accuracy, and timely interventions. Recent systematic reviews confirm simulation training significantly enhances skill retention and clinical competency, making it a vital investment in emergency medical services. Usage data will determine program effectiveness.

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?

If appropriated, we would expect clawback provisions to be outlined in the contract and exercised if we fail to perform as agreed upon with the agency. Any unused funds will be returned.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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



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- 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

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



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Other (please specify)

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.