



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1407

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Increased security for Jewish schools, community, businesses, and synagogues by partnering with local Sheriff's Offices to provide contracted uniformed off-duty law enforcement officers to serve as visible deterrents of and rapid response to criminal or terrorist acts. Additionally, enhanced security for the entire region by employing a regional security director to coordinate security efforts, conduct active threat and other safety training, and update security plans. This funding will ensure continued protection for thousands of families and community members, leveraging expert personnel and advanced technology to address evolving security challenges.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>350,000</b>

**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)	350,000	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 2025-2026</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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
<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</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Salary for a regional community security director. Funds for hourly rate for contracted off-duty law enforcement officers to serve as security for Jewish schools, synagogues and facilities. Data services for license plate reader cameras employed throughout the Jewish community.	350,000
<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>350,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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

Providing trained, competent off-duty law enforcement officers to serve as a visible deterrent against and rapid response to any criminal or terrorist act at all Jewish facilities. Providing a regional community security director who will coordinate the security, training, and emergency preparedness for the entire region.

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

Members of the Jewish community will be free to exercise their rights to religious activities and send their children to Jewish schools in peace with knowledge and confidence they are protected by trained and certified off-duty law enforcement officers.

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

The general population of the greater Jacksonville area including, but not limited to, Jewish families and individuals served by 19 facilities across three counties. The project is expected to serve thousands of individuals.

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

Provide a visible deterrent against and rapid response to any criminal or terrorist acts at Jewish facilities. Individuals served by facilities in the Jacksonville area will have safer access to cultural events provided by the 19 Jewish facilities in the region. Improve overall safety and security of religious facilities and community spaces in and around Jacksonville to be measured by the number of violent incidents and the outcomes of each. Enrich cultural experiences and protect access to cultural events to be measured by attendance of cultural events provided by facilities in the region.

**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?**

Should state funded projects not meet the to-be-determined benchmarks, the Jewish Federation of Northeast Florida will establish a repayment plan to return the funds to the state agency.

**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



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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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.



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#### 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.*