



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1536

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Emergency Response Training Center is a facility where members of local, state, and federal public safety entities can train and prepare for emergencies together. We intend to also involve the U.S. military. The facility will use an "all hazards" approach for development and delivery of training programs. By including all public safety stakeholders and facilitating joint training ventures, the safety and security of our communities, and the preparedness of our first responders, will be improved.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,100,000</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)	4,100,000	89%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	11%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>4,600,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	3,000,000	17	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**  Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Operating reserves and Student Capital Improvement Funds when applicable.



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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		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a nationally recognized public safety training center. This facility will bring stakeholders together to train and prepare for large scale emergency incidents in the state of Florida as well as across the country. Capital will be used to develop classroom space as well out training structures.	4,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,100,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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This facility will improve the quality and frequency of training available to first responders in our local service area and throughout the state of Florida, with a long-term goal of attracting first responders from around the country. In addition to increasing our current course offerings, new courses will be created and delivered. Palm Beach State College would be happy to partner with state and/or federal agencies in the future in order to collaborate on training, facility space and partnerships that would be beneficial to all parties, in turn, serving and enhancing the safety of our public.

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

This facility will improve the quality and frequency of training available to first responders in our local service area and throughout the state of Florida, with a long-term goal of attracting first responders from around the country. In addition to increasing our current course offerings, new courses will be created and delivered.

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

Public safety is an ever-evolving topic. This facility will provide a venue for first responders, as well as state and federal teams to prepare and train together. By providing topical advanced training, we will protect the public through emergency preparedness, as well as appropriate responses to emergencies around our state and the nation.

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

The direct services will be provided to first responders from the across our state. We anticipate the annual number of students to be approximately 3,000. Indirect services will be to the community. Number of people indirectly served in Palm Beach County is 1.5 million, State of Florida, 22.2 million.

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

This facility will improve the quality and frequency of training available to first responders in our local service area and throughout the state of Florida, with a long-term goal of attracting first responders from around the country. In addition to increasing our current course offerings, new courses will be created and delivered. Outcome will be measured by enrollment, the number of agencies served, subject matter offered/sought, and post course surveys completed by students. Additionally, we will seek feedback from public safety partners at the local/state/federal levels to gauge the effectiveness of training offered, and impact to our state's emergency preparedness.

**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?**

The college will not be able to receive reimbursement if the project is not completed.

**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):**

Training of first responders for future natural disasters.

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

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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

Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name



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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.*