



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1810

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will support the fourth annual Hometown Heroes Parade and Festival, an event dedicated to honoring law enforcement, first responders, and frontline workers. The goal is to celebrate their sacrifices and achievements while fostering community unity. Additionally, the event raises awareness about the mental health challenges faced by first responders, promoting resources and support for their well-being. These funds will ensure a successful, impactful event.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</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)	150,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>300,000</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.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**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	This includes the event location, security services, tents, stage, and marketing to promote the event, family-friendly activities where children can interact with and learn about our first responders through hands-on activities, demonstrations, and educational exhibits. These activities foster community engagement and inspire future generations.	150,000
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>150,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds will support the fourth annual Hometown Heroes Parade and Festival, an event dedicated to honoring law enforcement, first responders, and frontline workers. The goal is to celebrate their sacrifices and achievements while fostering community unity. Additionally, the event raises awareness about the mental health challenges faced by first responders, promoting resources and support for their well-being. These funds will ensure a successful, impactful event.



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

These funds will contribute directly to the development of a robust community event with a direct county-wide impact. The items being provided to the public range from assistance for children/youth interactive activities and games based solely on the fields of law enforcement and front line workers to that of performances and public photos with everyday heroes

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

Organizations that provide help to those that need mental support and assistance specifically for fire and police officers which experience trauma. Support for public that need help with small business programs. Multiple organizations that assist with family services. Neighborhood resource units accessible to public on site and much more.

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

This community event is County-wide, therefore, for all 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County will be able to attend. Expected over 10,000+ attendees.

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

Offering hands-on learning experiences that teach children and adults about the vital roles of first responders in our community. These interactive exhibits and demonstrations will provide real-world lessons on safety, teamwork, and civic responsibility, enhancing traditional classroom education. The participation of at least 300 students in these educational activities, increasing their knowledge. Surveys distributed to students, parents, and educators, assessing the knowledge gained about public safety and first responder roles. Additionally, tracking participation in educational activities will provide quantitative data, while follow-up discussions with local schools will evaluate how students apply what they learned.

**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?**

Nonpayment until deliverables are met.

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

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



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**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.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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