



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1903

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Comprehensive safety training program designed specifically for teachers, school staff, and administrators. Participants will engage in practical self-defense techniques that will enhance their situational awareness and boost their confidence in safeguarding themselves and those in their care.

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	867,961
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	867,961

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)	867,961	42%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,180,774	58%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,048,735	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.

Opportunities to obtain financial support from various organizations through potential grants and contributions for the initiative.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office equipment, including a computer	7,027
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	3 full-time instructors	273,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Flashlights, hydration, apparel, safety = 1,440 expected individuals, vehicle & trailer, instruction safety gear, PPE, Instructional tools, Mobile Classroom, equipment, Mobilization Costs, Overhead.	432,934
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	4 additional part-time instructors.	155,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		867,961

13. Program Performance

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

Promote a safe learning environment & fostering confidence for everyone. If educators are equipped with self-defense skills, there's sense of security which allows students to focus more. Encourages discipline, respect, and teamwork, essential qualities that contribute to a positive educational atmosphere. Valuable life skills, resilience, & ability to respond to challenging situations, enriching overall educational experience.

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



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Our program combines various approaches to equip individuals with the skills to become a hard target, focusing on the importance of mindset and situational awareness. Participants will engage in hands-on real-world scenarios and dynamic group discussions. This comprehensive training helps them recognize, avoid, and de-escalate potential conflicts before they escalate into physical confrontations.

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

Real-Life Self-Defense training using a flashlight and pepper spray.

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

Teachers, administrators, additional school personnel, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, family and friend
 Total expected reach = 107,280
 1st hand trained = 1,440; direct target population (students) = 30,000; 2nd hand effected population (family members) = 4,320;
 2nd hand effected population (friends & acquaintances) = 71,520
 TOTAL COST PER CITIZEN EFFECTED BY PILOT PROGRAM = \$7.46

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

Each participant will be required to complete a comprehensive questionnaire both before and after the training session. This assessment will help evaluate their initial knowledge, track progress, and measure the overall effectiveness of the training program.

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?

Subject to penalties of a partial or full repayment of the amount given if agreed upon services are 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):

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:



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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