



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2044

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Union County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to acquire new radio and dispatch equipment for the new Union County EOC / 911 Center. This equipment will enhance the communication capabilities for all agencies within the county, including the Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue, and other county / city departments. The goal is to ensure efficient and reliable communication during emergencies, which is crucial for the safety and well-being of all residents in Union County. Union County is fiscally constrained and cannot afford this on our own.

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	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,200,000</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)	1,200,000	90%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	135,000	10%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,335,000</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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

05/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2025

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

Local Comm Fund, General Fund, EM / 911 Funds, and SO funds. Any could be used depending on the nature of the cost incurred.

### 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.

The Union County Sheriff's Office will indirectly receive funding for this project through the Union County Board of County Commissioners. The Union County Sheriff's Office is a constitutional office overseeing law enforcement / detention / EM / 911 / Communications in Union County. All facilities are ultimately owned by Union County, FL, the direct recipient of funding.

### 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	County Staff will perform these tasks, included with their current responsibilities	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No administrative costs requested	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No administrative costs requested	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	None requested	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This is an equipment request for the new EOC / 911 Center, which dispatches for all agencies in the entirety of Union County. It includes radio workstations in dispatch, radio equipment for the server room for all channels / agencies, cabling, and any other associated radio / network equipment needed.	600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None requested for operations	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	There will be a capital construction aspect to this project, due to it including a mini-tower and concrete pad outside of the new EOC / 911 Center, and antennae, cabling, microwave dish, etc. on the new tower. The land was cleared as part of a previous project (Phase 1 - Public Safety Complex).	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,200,000</b>



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**13. Program Performance**

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

To acquire new radio and dispatch equipment for the new Union County EOC / 911 Center. This equipment will enhance the communication capabilities for all agencies within the county, including the Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue, and other county / city departments. The goal is to ensure efficient and reliable communication during emergencies, which is crucial for the safety and well-being of all residents in Union County. Union County is fiscally constrained and cannot afford this on our own.

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

The funds requested will support several key activities and services: 1) Acquisition of Equipment 2) Installation and Setup 3) Training for 911 Personnel / Dispatchers 4) Maintenance and Support 5) Improved Response Times 6) Interagency Coordination. These activities and services will ensure that the Union County 911 Center can provide reliable and efficient communication for all.

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

The funds requested will provide several direct services to all citizens of Union County: 1) Enhanced Emergency Response 2) Increased Public Safety 3) Comprehensive Coverage 4) Support for All Agencies 5) Community Confidence. These services will directly benefit the citizens of Union County by ensuring that emergency services can respond quickly and efficiently.

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

This project targets most groups who are not already incarcerated or in mental health care. This includes specific groups, such as elderly persons, persons with poor mental / physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, formerly incarcerated persons, victims of crime, etc. Approximately 16,500 residents will be served (entirety of Union County).

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

This project will provide the following benefits: 1) Enhanced Emergency Response 2) Improved Coordination 3) Reliable Communication 4) Crime Prevention 5) Disaster Preparedness. Response time analysis, incident outcome evaluation, crime rate statistics, public safety surveys, interagency coordination metrics, school safety metrics, and training and usage reports can all be measured.

**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?**

Failure to comply with the provisions in the future contract with FDLE shall result in forfeiture of funding.

**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?**



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- 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:**

**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



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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

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.*