



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2396

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will provide Hamilton County's Sheriff and first responders with enhanced, SLERS Phase II P25-compliant, interoperable radio communications. This upgrade will enhance coverage for coordination within the county, region, and with state law enforcement during natural disasters, crises, and critical events. It will also improve officer safety and enable more effective mutual aid support for neighboring areas, ensuring faster and more coordinated emergency response efforts.

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	3,170,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,170,000

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)	3,170,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,170,000	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.**



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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)?

No

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?

N/A

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.

N/A

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Radios, dispatch consoles, dispatch equipment, interfaces, software services, and programming—fully compliant with P25 standards—will enable interoperability through the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio Communication System (SLERS), facilitating seamless communication among first responders within Hamilton County and beyond.	3,170,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,170,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funding will equip the sheriff and other first responders in Hamilton County with P25-compliant, interoperable radio systems that ensure reliable communication. This enhancement will improve coverage and facilitate better coordination both within the county and with regional, state, and emergency service agencies during natural disasters, emergencies, and other critical events. Moreover, the upgraded system will bolster officer safety and enhance mutual aid support to neighboring areas.

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

Services provided by the implementation of this project include enhanced, secure, reliable radio communication services to ensure first responders are able to quickly and accurately provide emergency response services to the county and to provide mutual aid to surrounding areas.

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

Once completed, the upgraded systems will allow first responders in Hamilton County to provide accurate and timely response to requests for emergency services.

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

The target populations that will benefit from this project are the residents of Hamilton County, local businesses, schools, and visiting tourists.

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

The expected benefits provided by the implementation of this project include improved communication for law enforcement, fire, and emergency services with P25-compliant equipment, improving coverage and interoperability, and reduced response times. Outcomes will be measured by tracking response times, incident resolution, and reductions in crime statistics.

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 meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.