



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2604

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The requested funds will be used to purchase a Unified Command Bus to enhance emergency response and coordination for both the Panama City Beach Police and Fire Departments. This mobile command unit will improve on-scene management during natural disasters, large-scale events, and critical incidents, ensuring efficient communication, resource deployment, and public safety.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,000,000	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.**

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The requested funds will be used to purchase a Unified Command Bus to enhance emergency response and coordination for both the Panama City Beach Police and Fire Departments. This mobile command unit will improve on-scene management during natural disasters, large-scale events, and critical incidents, ensuring efficient communication, resource deployment, and public safety.	2,000,000
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)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Unified Command Bus will provide a mobile platform for real-time communication, coordination, and decision-making during emergencies, natural disasters, and large-scale events. It will support joint operations between the Police and Fire departments, enabling advanced technology use, resource management, and incident command to ensure efficient and effective public safety responses.

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



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The expenditure will enhance emergency preparedness and response, improve coordination between Police and Fire departments, and increase public safety during disasters and large-scale events. It will reduce response times, improve resource management, and ensure efficient communication, ultimately protecting lives, property, and infrastructure in Panama City Beach.

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

The Unified Command Bus will enhance public safety by serving as a mobile hub for managing emergencies, disasters, and large events. It will enable rapid deployment of resources, seamless communication between agencies, and effective coordination, ensuring quicker response times, better resource allocation, and improved safety for Panama City Beach residents and visitors.

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

The Command Bus serves Panama City Beach residents, over 4 million annual visitors, and public safety personnel. It supports emergency response, planned events like concerts and festivals, and day-to-day operations. The Bus is expected to serve thousands during emergencies and tens of thousands at events. It enhances safety and coordination for hundreds of thousands annually.

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

Benefits will be measured through reduced response times, improved inter-agency communication, successful coordination during emergencies, and public safety feedback. Effectiveness will also be assessed through after-action reports and evaluations of performance during drills and real-world incidents.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

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