



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2915

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$250,000 two years ago through a state appropriation. Estimates of engineering and construction have far exceeded our expectations. Thus, we are requesting additional funding for this project. Currently, our spare cars and traffic trailers are accessible to the public & potential vandalism. Our specialized emergency vehicles are housed at the county yard over a mile away. A public alley runs between our building and the area we plan to expand to. This alley exposes the utilities and generator for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office & our Communication Center. With this project we plan to reroute the alley, pave, fence, divert existing storm water runoff and build secure storage for our fleet, traffic trailers and specialized emergency vehicles. These enclosures will secure & prevent further deterioration of our assets. Properly stored and functional emergency vehicles will allow us to maintain operational readiness & keep our citizens safe.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000	1281A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

04/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2025

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

Gulf County Sheriff's Office Operating Budget

**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.**

Gulf County Board of County Commissioners / Gulf County Sheriff's Office

**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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and engineering of a storage/impound yard to harden the exterior of the Sheriff's Office; this will include paving, fencing, rerouting an existing alley and storm water diversion. Construction of two metal buildings for the storage of specialty law enforcement vehicles and a large pole barn to store spare fleet and traffic trailers.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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The utilities of Gulf County Sheriff's Office are exposed and accessible from a public alley. Rerouting the alley and additional fencing are required to secure the generator and other utilities used by the Sheriff's Office and our Communications Center. Engineering costs and construction of storm water diversion are also needed. To expand the functionality of the property we plan to pave, fence and build secure storage for our fleet, traffic trailers and specialized emergency vehicles. These enclosures would secure and prevent further deterioration of our assets.

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

The purpose of this project is to harden the exterior of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and develop a storage/impound yard to house our fleet and specialized emergency vehicles. The security of the building will allow us to provide public safety services to the citizens of Gulf County. The storage/impound yard will prevent deterioration of our assets and save tax dollars on replacement costs.

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

The hardening of the building will ensure that public safety services will not be interrupted due to vandalism or accidents that may compromise the generator or other utilities of the Sheriff's Office and our Communications Center. Properly stored and functional emergency vehicles will allow us to maintain operational readiness to promptly respond to incidents and keep our citizens safe.

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

General population and visitors of Gulf County, which can be over 30,000 depending on the amount of visitors in the county.

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

Maintain an operational Sheriff's Office and Communications Center, free from disruption of services due to power failure or other utility issues. Respond to incidents in a timely fashion utilizing specialized emergency vehicles that are properly stored in a safe environment that will prevent deterioration and mechanical failure. Monitor the frequency of disruptions in service to the Sheriff's Office and Communications Center building during severe weather events. Analyze expenditures for emergency vehicle repairs due to vehicle deterioration caused by exposure to the elements. Also analyze vehicle life and functionality when properly stored in a secure building.

**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 spend funds as indicated in the contract would result in funds being returned to the state.

**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?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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