

LFIR # 2972

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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

	Spending Catego	ory			escription		Amount
12.	Details on how t	he requested st	ate funds will be ex	pended			
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	e. What funding	stream will be u	sed for ongoing ope	erations a	nd maintenance of	the project?	
	d. What is the es	timated comple	tion date of constru	ction?	06/01/2026		
	c. What is the est	timated start da	te of construction?		09/01/2025		
	b. Is the project "	'shovel ready" ((i.e permitted)?		No		
	Planning	Design	Construction	O N/A			

Executive Director/Project Head 0 Salary and Benefits Other Salary and Benefits 0 Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ 0 Other Consultants/Contracted 0 Services/Study **Operational Costs** Salary and Benefits 0 Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ 0 Other Consultants/Contracted 0 Services/Study Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: Construction/Renovation/Land/ All funding will be used for the construction of the Hernando County 3,350,000 Planning Engineering Sheriff's Office modern driving pad and gun range. Hernando County will provide the land for the facility as part of the Public Safety Training Facility. Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 3,350,000

13. Program Performance

Administrative Costs:

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



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The driving pad and gun range will support growth and development for law enforcement within our agency as well as offer the best training resources available to students through our partnership with the Law Enforcement Academies. This investment will enhance the effectiveness and safety of law enforcement in our community which leads to strengthened public safety.

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

The driving pad will provide a controlled environment for high-speed pursuit training, defensive driving techniques, and emergency vehicle operation. The gun range will offer a modern, secure location for firearms training, including proficiency testing, tactical exercises, and scenario-based drills. This will support the growth and development for law enforcement within our community.

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

The driving pad will support community programs like the Teen Driving Challenge, which helps students become safer drivers by training them in vehicles they typically operate. The gun range will provide a secure facility for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office S.A.F.E. Program (Situational Awareness Firearms Education), a public firearm safety initiative available to our community. Additionally, both the driving pad and gun range will enhance training opportunities for students attending the law enforcement academies, further supporting the development of skilled and prepared officers.

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

The target population includes Hernando County law enforcement officers and the 218,000 residents of Hernando County. It will also benefit the Local Law Enforcement Academies, in addition to our state partners such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Highway Patrol, the State Attorney's Office of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to improve the effectiveness, safety, and professionalism of law enforcement officers, leading to a safer community in Hernando County. The outcome will be measured through specific performance metrics, such as the accuracy and speed of officers' responses in driving and shooting exercises while under pressure. These metrics will include reaction times, decision-making accuracy, and adherence to safety protocols during simulated high-stress scenarios. Performance improvements will be tracked through pre and post training assessments, focusing on skills and decision making under pressure.

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?

We are committed to meeting all deliverables and performance measures outlined in the contract, and if we're unable to do so, we believe the standard contract penalties will be appropriate.

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 infastructure)						
b. N	lame of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):						
15. Ha	s the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?						
	Yes, Applied						



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☐ Yes, Received						
□ No						
☐ No, but intends to	□ No, but intends to apply					
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17. Requester Contact	t Information	_				
a. First Name	Natasha	Last Name	Russell			
b. Organization	Hernando County Sheriff	s Office				
c. E-mail Address	nrussell@hernandosherif	f.org				
d. Phone Number	(352)797-3614	Ext.				
18. Recipient Contact						
a. Organization	Hernando County Sheriff	s Office				
b. Municipality and	d County Hernando					
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☑Local Entity						
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□Other (please specify)							
d. First Name	Sheriff Al	Last Name	Nienhuis				
e. E-mail Address	anienhuis@hernandosheriff.org						
f. Phone Number	(352)797-3600	Ext.					
9. Lobbyist Contact Information							
a. Name	None						
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.