



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3015

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Sheriffs Association proposes building the Florida Sheriffs Youth Learning Center as a place for children to visit and learn more about the honor and tradition of serving in law enforcement. The center and annex building will be a facility for youth to explore the possibilities of a future career as a law enforcement officer, correctional deputy, dispatcher or civilian employee in a sheriffs office by connecting them with a series of interactive displays, videos and activities that will inspire them.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	14,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	14,000,000

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)	14,000,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	10,000,000	42%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	24,000,000	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		
2024-25	0	10,000,000	1297A	No

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?

The Florida Sheriffs Association is a 501(c) and can operate ongoing operations with private funds.

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.

None

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No funds are being requested for this spending category, as all administrative and operational costs are being funded through the Florida Sheriffs Association's general budget, and not State or Federal monies.	0
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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	All funds from this appropriations request will be spent in the Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation category. A summary of the estimated project costs include site preparation of \$2 million. Planning and engineering fees for the project are estimated at \$1.65 million. The remainder of the requested funds will be spent on the construction necessary to ready the buildings for use.	14,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		14,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Learning Center will be a place for children and young adults to be exposed to the values of a career in law enforcement. Visitors will get to experience the more than 200 year history of the office of sheriff in Florida as well as learn about how law enforcement officers, dispatchers and correctional deputies work to keep citizens safe.

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

There will be a theater room for viewing an educational history film. Visitors will also have opportunities to use a driving simulator, experience receiving and dispatching calls for service and well as engage in numerous interactive displays that will motivate them to both appreciate and consider a career in law enforcement.

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

Children and young adults will experience a variety of displays and experiences that will educate them on the numerous roles inside a sheriff's office. Visitors will learn about the 200 year history of the office of sheriff in Florida. They will find out how sheriffs and their deputies worked to make many of the cultural progresses that led Florida to become the 3rd largest state in the country. More than 800 children a year are expected to visit the center.

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

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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 build and operate the Florida Sheriffs Youth Learning Center should require a return and reimbursement for all state funds.

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)



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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:

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)



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- 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

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.