



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3425

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

This funding request seeks state support to replace 450 outdated Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) used by St. Petersburg Police Department (SPPD). AEDs are critical life-saving devices that allow officers to provide immediate emergency response for cardiac arrests, drug overdoses, and other medical crises before emergency medical services (EMS) arrive. Many of SPPD's AEDs are aging or at risk of failure, putting lives at stake. This initiative ensures officers are equipped with modern, high performance AEDs increasing survival rates and reinforcing Florida's commitment to public safety and emergency crisis preparedness. State funding will allow for the purchase, deployment, and necessary training to ensure officers can continue providing lifesaving interventions in the communities they serve.

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	675,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>675,000</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)	675,000	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>675,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

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
<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	Purchase of 450 AED Units – At an estimated cost of \$1,500 per unit, the total cost for AED procurement will be \$675,000. These funds will ensure officers are equipped with modern, high-performance AEDs to replace outdated devices.	675,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>675,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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The requested funds will replace 450 outdated AEDs used by law enforcement officers, ensuring they have reliable, life-saving equipment when responding to cardiac arrests, overdoses, and other medical emergencies. Many current units are near the end of their lifespan, increasing the risk of failure in critical situations. New AEDs will enhance public safety, reduce response times, and improve survival rates. This investment strengthens Florida's emergency response capabilities, equipping officers with modern, user-friendly technology to save lives.

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

Funds will be used to purchase, distribute, and implement 450 new AEDs with accessories such as electrode pads, batteries, and carrying cases. AEDs will be assigned across divisions, ensuring accessibility for first responders. Officers will receive refresher training on updated AED features and response protocols. A maintenance plan will keep devices operational with scheduled battery replacements and routine checks. Data collection will assess impact and guide improvements. These efforts will ensure officers are equipped, trained, and ready to provide a life-saving response in emergencies.

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

This project will provide life-saving emergency response to citizens by ensuring law enforcement officers are equipped with modern, fully functional AEDs during cardiac arrests, drug overdoses, and other medical emergencies. With 450 upgraded AEDs, officers—often the first on the scene—can deliver immediate defibrillation and increase survival rates before EMS arrives. This initiative enhances public safety, reduces emergency response times, and ensures officers have the tools needed to save lives in the community.

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

This project serves the residents, visitors, and at-risk individuals in St. Petersburg, Florida, where law enforcement officers are often the first responders to cardiac arrests, drug overdoses, and other medical emergencies. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, St. Petersburg has a population of approximately 263,553 people, with 20% aged 65 and older, a demographic at higher risk for cardiac emergencies. Officers frequently respond to high-traffic public areas, schools, parks, and community events, where access to reliable AEDs can be life-saving. With 450 new AEDs deployed across police units, this project is expected to directly impact thousands of individuals annually, ensuring officers have fully functional, modern AEDs readily available. On average, law enforcement responds to hundreds of cardiac emergencies per year, and this initiative will enhance survival rates by reducing response times and equipping officers with efficient AEDs to assist those in crisis.

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

The primary benefit of this project is enhanced public safety and improved survival rates for individuals experiencing cardiac emergencies by equipping law enforcement officers with 450 new AEDs. The updated AEDs will ensure that officers—who are often first on the scene—have reliable, modern equipment to provide rapid life-saving intervention before emergency medical services arrive. This initiative is expected to reduce response times, increase the effectiveness of resuscitation efforts, and decrease the number of preventable deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest.

**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?**

The agency may require accreditation or compliance verification from a recognized oversight body to ensure the proper deployment, maintenance, and use of AEDs. This could include adherence to American Heart Association (AHA) or state EMS guidelines for AED implementation and officer training.

**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):**



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**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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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.*