



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2899

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will facilitate the acquisition of a sophisticated Mobile Command Center, dedicated to enhancing the emergency response capabilities of both the fire and police departments during critical incidents and disasters. This asset will serve as a nexus for joint and coordinated interventions by integrating the expertise of both departments.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,200,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	20%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding \$63,566.00 UTVs were purchased for enhanced Cononavirus enforcement.
 American Rescue Plan Act \$6,302,241 The city has allocated \$2,302,241 to Public Safety and \$4,000,000 to Parks and Recreation Projects

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

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d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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12. 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.

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13. 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	The funds will facilitate the acquisition of a sophisticated Mobile Command Center, dedicated to enhancing the emergency response capabilities of both the fire and police departments during critical incidents and disasters. This asset will serve as a nexus for joint and coordinated interventions by integrating the expertise of both departments.	1,200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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

The \$1,200,000 requested will allow the police and fire departments to jointly purchase a new mobile command bus that will serve as a unified command center during major incidents and disasters. This mobile command bus will enhance coordination between the departments, improving emergency response capabilities and public safety. The bus will provide a central on-scene location with communication equipment and resources to effectively manage multi-agency operations. It will also allow for improved tactical planning and decision making as incidents unfold. Additionally, the mobile command bus can be deployed for planned events to establish an integrated police and fire command post. The unified approach will streamline incident management and allow for a more efficient and safer response during high risk, complex situations in our city.

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

The customized vehicle will be jointly utilized by police and fire departments and outfitted with the latest communications and tactical capabilities to coordinate multi-agency responses. It will provide a resilient on-scene command post to direct unified operations, allowing for superior strategic planning and rapid decision-making as situations unfold. The mobile command bus will be deployed regularly to facilitate joint training, planning, and field operations between police and fire crews to maximize coordination. It will also be leveraged for pre-planned major events to establish an integrated command presence. Key activities will include purchasing the customized vehicle, installing interoperable technologies, conducting joint training exercises, maintaining optimal readiness, and upgrading systems as innovations emerge.

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



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The mobile command bus enabled by this critical appropriation will allow for superior coordination between police and fire agencies, directly benefiting citizens through enhanced emergency services. During crises, citizens will experience faster response times with unified command on-scene, boosting safety and efficient delivery of public services. The mobile command bus will facilitate integrated management of evacuations, sheltering, communications, and public notifications during disasters to protect lives. For planned events, increased incident monitoring capabilities will maintain public order.

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

This mobile command bus project will serve the approximately 18,000 permanent residents of Panama City Beach as well as the millions of tourists that visit our community annually. As an iconic tourism destination, our peak population swells to over hundreds of thousands during the height of season. The enhanced emergency coordination enabled by the mobile command bus will benefit both residents and visitors by integrating police and fire services to maximize public safety. This is especially crucial during high-occupancy events that can strain resources. With over 5 million annual tourists, even impacting 1% would serve 50,000 individuals with improved preparedness and response. But more realistically, by facilitating unified command, the bus will assist police and fire in safely managing everything from minor incidents to hurricane evacuations and spring break operations, collectively benefiting virtually all tourists and residents alike.

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

This project is expected to significantly improve emergency response coordination and capabilities between police, fire, and other agencies in our community. The primary outcome will be reduced response times to major incidents through on-scene unified command and control. This will be measured through comparing multi-agency response time data before and after implementation. Secondary expected benefits include improved interagency collaboration, increased responder safety, enhanced resource allocation, and superior strategic planning during crises. These will be measured through response debriefs/after-action reports, surveys of first responders on coordination satisfaction, and assessing joint training operations enabled by the mobile command bus.

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 the contract?

1. ****Monetary Fines:**** Deductions from appropriated funds for each missed deliverable.
2. ****Withhold Payments:**** Until deliverables are met; forfeiture after a grace period.
3. ****Performance Bonds:**** Claim funds from bonds for non-compliance.
4. ****Reimbursement:**** Return disbursed funds for unmet obligations.
5. ****Contract Termination:**** For repeated failures.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number