



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3196

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will be used to assist in purchasing heavy trucks and equipment required to provide Palm Beach County residents Urban Search and Rescue Team assets and capabilities. The purchase will support a newly formed Urban Search & Rescue Team for Palm Beach County. The formation of the team will provide services to nearly 1 million residents and visitors locally while state-wide assets are requested, assembled and deployed. PBCFR will remain in a state of readiness to provide search and rescue services county-wide (additional 500,000 residents), regionally, and assist in rescue operations in disaster areas around the state for natural or man-made disasters.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	445,892
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>445,892</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	445,892	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>445,892</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Local funds have already been spent and allocated on equipment required to operate the equivalent of a Level IV Urban Search and Rescue Team, including Shelter Kit, Radio Systems, Extending Boom Forklift, Warehouse, Boats and Trailers, 2 Side by Sides with trailer, Trucks and Trailers, USAR Training and Props.



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

No

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

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million dollars. Funding was allocated for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach County will receive \$290,730,026 in American Rescue Plan funding which will be used on pandemic-related service and infrastructure 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/2021

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/2023

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.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is the owner and operator.

13. 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: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Requested funding will be used to purchase Urban Search and Rescue heavy trucks and equipment (Reichten International Trucks with forklift mount kits).	445,892
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>445,892</b>

14. Program Performance



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

The goal is to increase the readiness and ability to respond to man made and/or natural disasters within Palm Beach County's response area, and to neighboring counties as requested. Additionally, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Urban Search & Rescue team will remain ready to assist in disaster-declared areas throughout the state. The two heavy trucks and equipment are necessary to deploy equipment through-out the 1769 squared miles served and the 19 municipalities relying on PBCFR to provide service. The team will provide service to nearly 1.5 million residents and visitors within greater Palm Beach County while adhering to and recognizing the requirements of a Type IV team.

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

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue has allocated funds to build a training prop necessary to train for building collapse. Members have been trained and obtained certifications for expedited deployment to the community they serve. Ongoing training will be provided to create readily deployable manpower required to fully staff the search and rescue team. Additionally drills will be conducted regularly to test deployment readiness and standing plans will be adjusted as necessary to meet any response requirements.

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

Urban Search and Rescue response to man made and natural disasters thought the county. The county is prone to Hurricanes, Storms and susceptible to man made disasters.

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

Over 1.5 million residents will be served by the team's state of readiness and local deployment. Palm Beach County's service area includes a diverse community with 4 major hospitals, over 250 Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes, 9 correctional facilities, 2 major power plants, 5 wastewater facilities, 17 potable water treatment plants, 5 airports, 2 major highways systems, 4 major sugar mills/refinery, over 15 major Distribution Centers, over 350 schools, 2 colleges with numerous campuses, rail systems, hazardous substance chemical plants, sports stadiums, raceway, wildlife areas, Lake Okeechobee, Herbert Hoover Dike-levee, 45 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline and beaches and 20 drawbridges across the Intracoastal or other waterway. Palm Beach County is a hot spot for tourism and seasonal retirees. Additionally, PBCFR has automatic and mutual aid agreements with all of the Fire Departments within the County and 3 Fire Departments in surrounding counties.

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

Expected outcome is a fully operational Urban Search and Rescue Team to serve the community and surrounding region. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue has faithfully assisted with response and recovery efforts throughout the state over the years. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's Urban Search and Rescue Team state of readiness with further expand the County's ability to assist those in need if and when disasters occur.

**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?**

The contracting agency may consider liquidated damages based on a monthly audit after a written warning outlining the items that fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract has been discussed. If after 1 month a financial deduction would occur in the amount of \$1,000 per month until remediation has been achieved.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information



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**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**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**