



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2389

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The project will design and install a backup generator to serve the entire jail in the event of power outages. Dixie County Jail is a 171-bed capacity, minimum-security facility that implements several layers of security measures to maintain order and safety. This includes security features that rely on electricity, such as perimeter fencing, surveillance cameras, and secure housing units. The current generator at the jail failed during Hurricane Idalia; it did not run the ENTIRE jail during the storm. The goal is to provide emergency backup power during extended outages in order to maintain life, safety, care, custody, and control of inmate population during extended power outages and emergency situations. Also, the 911 Dispatch Center is located at the jail facility, and the backup generator would allow normal procedures to continue to provide lifesaving communications between first responders and citizens.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	497,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>497,000</b>

**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)	497,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>497,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	0		No

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?



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Yes

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

CARES \$2,355,759.40  
Emergency Services Protection  
Emergency Services Payroll

## 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering (Design), Engineering (Construction), Permitting, Geotechnical investigation, and Surveying in order to provide a new 400 kW 480V diesel generator in weatherproof 150mph aluminum sound-attenuating enclosure with 48-hour subbase fuel tank, which includes improved conduits and connections for the new handhole into the building that connects to existing main panel.	497,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>497,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this project is to avoid power failure at the jail. Recently, the generator at the jail failed during Hurricane Idalia. When something like this happens, inmates could be locked in the cell indefinitely until power is restored or the cells could automatically unlock and allow inmates out. While security is one aspect, heating, cooling, ventilation, and the well-being of inmates are also key, leading to potentially harmful outcomes such as dehydration, hypothermia, or hyperthermia. Not only would the correctional facility be held accountable for infractions in terms of humanitarian rights, it could spell disaster and cause chaos to ensue from the inmates themselves.

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

The new generator would prevent power loss due to power outages in correctional facility that could lead to potentially hazardous situations for both inmates and law enforcement alike. A power outage in the correctional facility could lead to systems ceasing such as electronic monitoring devices, security systems, and surveillance systems. With most of the equipment used to monitor and survey inmates being electronically controlled, this could lead to potential escape attempts or hiding situations for inmates.

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

It will allow jail staff to maintain a safe environment for inmates and staff and continue to perform critical functions during power outages. It would allow jail staff to maintain care, custody and control of inmate population to protect the life and safety of Dixie County citizens and surrounding areas. Additionally, the 911 Dispatch Center will remain operational to provide lifesaving services and critical communications between citizens and first responders.

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

The target population served by this project are the whole inmate population, jail staff, emergency first responders and dispatchers, as well as the general public of the community.

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

One of the project's outcome is to prevent prison escapes, which will increase public safety. Another is to keep the inmates not only secured but healthy by maintaining decent living quarters. Additionally, this will create a safe environment for jail staff. Last but not least, the new generator will ensure continual 911 Dispatch Services to the community.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties.

**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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- 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**