



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1908

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

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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                         | 0                |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 1,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>1,000,000</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)       | 1,000,000        | 80%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 250,000          | 20%         |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b> | <b>1,250,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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?**



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

The City received \$150,000 from the CARES Act which reimbursed out-of-pocket expenditures related to the response to the pandemic such as legal time, masks, temperature scanners, etc. Additionally, the City has received public safety grants for the purchase of ATVs, UTVs, and smart boards in the amount of \$115,000. Finally, Panama City Beach has received the first half of the American Infrastructure Funds totaling \$3,151,120 which will likely be spent on utility 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

ASAP

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/12/2025

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.

City of Panama City Beach, Florida.

### 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                      | Funds to prepare the site and construct a law enforcement k9 Training and Boarding facility where k9/handler teams can train, k9s can be securely boarded, and other organizations' k/9 handler teams can train. Funds requested this year are for the construction of the facility and the associated required equipment. | 1,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>1,000,000</b> |

### 14. 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 proposed K9 Training facility will bring a new level of excellence to the Panama City Beach Police Department's K9 unit and serve as a hub for regional K9 training efforts. The facility will include state-of-the-art kennels and training spaces, as well as dedicated classroom space for personnel training.

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

The proposed K9 Training facility will be a catalyst for excellence in K9 training and a boon to public safety. Through the funding requested, the Panama City Beach Police Department's K9 unit will have access to FDLE certified patrol K9 schools, providing new K9 teams with the comprehensive training they need to effectively serve the community.

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

General. (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group). More than 800.

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

The specific measure of the benefit or outcome of the K9 Training facility project would be improved public safety as a result of a more highly trained and effective K9 unit and improved K9 capabilities across the region through hosted training sessions for other agencies. Monitoring changes in crime rates and incidents that the K9 unit was involved in solving can provide a quantitative measure of the unit's effectiveness. Regular evaluations of the K9s' performance in areas such as patrol, detection, and tracking can further reinforce this measurement.

**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 are sufficient.

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



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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**