



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2097

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Jimmy Ryce was abducted and murdered on September 1995, getting off of his school bus in the Redland, FL. His parents, Don & Claudine, led an extensive search. They believed that if a bloodhound was available when Jimmy was abducted, he would have been found, alive. They established the Jimmy Ryce Center. The funding will be used to provide bloodhound to law enforcement agencies/police depts, upkeep throughout year and attend conferences and education/awareness and marketing.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	465,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	465,000

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)	465,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	465,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Would supplement funding with possible sponsorship and local funding support in addition to potential state support.

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

No



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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Distribution bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies and police departments, tracking and trailing seminars for bloodhounds and K9 officers and training programs to include travel expenses, bloodhound care and upkeep and maintenance, community outreach initiatives and programs including but not limited to attendance at law enforcement conferences, marketing including education/awareness.	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Education and awareness and marketing services for law enforcement and other marketing assets to inform law enforcement agencies.	115,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		465,000

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?

Distribution bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies and police departments, tracking and trailing seminars for bloodhounds and K9 officers and training programs to include travel expenses, bloodhound care and upkeep and maintenance, community outreach initiatives and programs including but not limited to attendance at law enforcement conferences, marketing including education/awareness.

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

To date, the Jimmy Ryce Center has donated nearly 700 bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies. Our mission is to make the Ryce's goal a reality. Our efforts will help law enforcement search to find missing children, as well as endangered adults.

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

Statewide benefit working in partnership with state's law enforcement agencies. The bloodhounds will be utilized to assist law enforcement agencies to find missing children and endangered adults. The FBI and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children are all proponents of bloodhounds and their abilities.

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

The bloodhounds will be utilized to assist law enforcement agencies to find missing children and endangered adults. Law enforcement has done extensive studies on the accuracy of a bloodhound when finding a missing person. The FBI and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children places a high value on their accuracy as well as numerous local and national law enforcement agencies. The National Center even named a training center after Jimmy Ryce <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/jimmy-ryce-law-enforcement-training-center-program>. Every September, Florida observes Missing Children's Day at the State Capital. This was started in Jimmy's memory. We can track number of missions bloodhounds respond to including outcomes.

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?

Forfeit of the funds.

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



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- 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