



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2112

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

4. Project/Program Description

This project's purpose is to construct a new +/- 6,000 SF building consisting of adequate office space for personnel, a conference room, break room and record storage area. The current Sheriff's Department is housed in +/- 2,800 SF of the Dixie County Courthouse, which can be disruptive during the busy hours. The Sheriff's Department has outgrown the current space, and it is not large enough to hold necessary meetings during states of emergencies. Before/during/after Idalia, the Sheriff had no private place to meet with all of the outside agency personnel that came to assist the county during this catastrophic event. This caused issues with meeting and coordinating efforts during this declared emergency. The new building will double the square footage, be dedicated only to the Sheriff's Department, provide room for expansion, and include paved spaces and grassed-over/overflow parking. The new buildings will also provide space for outside emergency personnel to convene.

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	3,888,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,888,000

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)	3,888,000	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	3,888,000	100%

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

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)?

No

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering (Design), Engineering (Construction), Permitting, Geotechnical investigation, and Surveying as well as the construction of a new +/- 6,000 SF building consisting of adequate office space for personnel, a conference room, break room and record storage area. It will be a permanent building meeting all Florida building-code standards. It will also include a storm-water retention area.	3,888,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,888,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Construction of a new +/- 6,000 square foot building that will provide sufficient office space to accommodate current staff, as well as future expansion. Additionally, it will provide adequate meeting space, adequate parking and improve public access. The current administrative building is 2,800 SF, which is not large enough to hold emergency services during declared emergencies or disasters. The project will double the square footage for the new building, and include 30 paved spaces for parking and a grassed parking for additional overflow parking.

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

Planning, design, permitting, engineering, and construction services will all be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds.

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

The new building will double the square footage, be dedicated only to the Sheriff's Department, and include 30 paved parking spaces and a grassed parking for additional overflow parking. The design, permitting, and construction of the building will improve community safety. It will also provide space for outside emergency personnel, who are activated during disasters, to convene.

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

The target population is the community of Dixie County and surrounding areas; Dixie County's population is +/- 17,000. The target population for the outside emergency personnel will vary depending on the length, severity and duration of the emergency situation. Additionally, it will benefit the other constitutional offices by providing the current office space used by the Sheriff's Office in the courthouse for their expansion.

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

With the new building, the business of the Sheriff's Department will not interfere with the business of the Dixie County Courthouse, and vice versa. The Sheriff's Department employees and people served will no longer be crowded into a small space to perform the day-to-day duties. There will be larger office space to increase organization, provide conference and break rooms, allow for more staff, and thereby reduce workloads, which will collectively minimize stress for the employees. Outside emergency personnel will be better able to coordinate efforts with the Dixie County Sheriff's Department during a state of emergency. It will provide adequate space for records retention, providing a more streamlined service for public records requests. Further, relocating to a standalone facility will improve the public's access to the Sheriff's Office.

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



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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