



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2361

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Expansion of Fire Rescue Regional Simulation Labs at the Broward Sheriff's Office Research, Development and Training Center for training of Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services personnel to train with multiple types of learning and feedback environment simulation technology training classrooms such as a human patient simulation lab, a driver training simulator and a company and chief officer tactical and strategic decision-making and incident command development training prop to benchmark training standards, quality assurance, perform post-incident analysis, and test implementation of standard operating procedures.

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	476,995
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>476,995</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)	476,995	84%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	91,473	16%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>568,468</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.

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.

## 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	Expansion of Fire Rescue Regional Simulation Labs at the Broward Sheriff's Office Research, Development and Training Center for training of Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services personnel to train with multiple types of learning and feedback environment simulation technology training classrooms such as a human patient simulation lab, a driver training simulator and a company and chief officer tactical and strategic decision-making and incident command development training prop.	476,995
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>476,995</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Simulation training allows first responders to engage in ongoing education, skills development, and to improve the readiness and preparedness of first responders to effectively handle real-life emergencies. By practicing in simulated scenarios, responders become better equipped to respond to a wide range of incidents, from fires, natural disasters, medical emergencies and mass casualty events. Ultimately, the goal is to enhance the safety and well-being of the communities served.

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

The key is to ensure that first responders receive comprehensive, high-quality training to enhance their preparedness, skills, and ability to respond effectively to emergencies. The creation of realistic, hands-on simulation scenarios that replicate various emergency situations to assess the performance of responders during training exercises.

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

While the primary focus of fire/rescue and EMS simulation training is to enhance the capabilities of first responders, these indirect benefits ultimately lead to improved safety and well-being for the citizens they serve. Better-trained first responders can lead to reduced liability potentially resulting in cost savings that can be reinvested in other community services.

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

The over 600 Firefighter/Paramedics, driver engineers and specialized staff of the Broward Sheriff's Office who provide public safety services to multiple municipalities, the airport and seaport and regional services county wide.

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

By improving the training and preparedness of fire and EMS personnel, citizens can benefit from more efficient and effective emergency response in their communities. This can lead to quicker response times, better medical care, and more successful fire suppression efforts. Baseline data comparison will be utilized to compare response times to critical medical and fire emergencies before and after the implementation of enhanced simulation training. Also, the historical response time data to critical medical emergencies (e.g., cardiac arrests, strokes, severe trauma) in the target service areas will be used to measure and compare the response times to actual emergencies, and track whether the improvements observed in simulation training translate to improved outcomes in real-world scenarios.

**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?**

Specific penalties should be clearly outlined in the contract(s), and the parties involved should have a shared understanding of the consequences of non-performance. Suggested penalties or considerations include liquidated damages, contract termination, withholding payment, disqualification of future contracts, performance improvement plan, cover of additional costs, and other legal action.

**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



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- 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**