



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1869

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office have trained professionals who utilize Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to conduct its search and rescue operations, both on land and at sea. As one of Florida's largest counties, these UAVs serve a critical role to locate missing individuals in a fast and cost-effective manner. This funding will be utilized to replace several of its UAVs that are no longer able to be operated due to prohibitions of their use in Florida law.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,000,000	100%

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.

\$456,007 from the FY20 BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program as a pass-through from Palm Beach County BCC.

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)?

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	This funding will help with the purchase of the Ascent UAV and all supporting components for it to be used. Trying to fund at least six (6) full UAV set ups at \$69,000 each- totaling \$414,000. The second UAV would be the FLIR SIRAS UAV. They are \$13,703 each. Ordering five (5) would equal \$68,510. These UAV's will meet the requirements set forth by the State DMS.	500,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Due to the change in the Florida State Statute, funds are need to help offset losses and to help the purchase of new UAV's (Drones). This purchase will help Law Enforcement and the general public to include, but not limited to, missing persons, search and rescue, officer safety on high risk calls.

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

Law Enforcement response to help the public. Actions include but are not limited to: Missing person response, Search and Rescue, tactical response for armed law enforcement responses, over-watch for active shooter responses, etc.

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

The UAVs will be used to locate missing persons, Search and Rescue, tactical response for armed law enforcement responses, over-watch for active shooter responses, which all have a direct impact on citizen safety

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

Citizens of Palm Beach County Florida, up to 1.4 million residents.

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

Assist the citizens in Palm Beach County in reference to calls for services that include but are not limited to: Missing persons, search and rescue, officer safety for armed or high risk calls for service. It can measured by cases that we cannot fully respond to or how the situation is handled differently if we did or did not have the drone.

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?

Return of state funds

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Kenneth **Last Name** Voiret
b. Organization Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
c. E-mail Address voiretk@pbso.org
d. Phone Number (561)602-8432 **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
b. Municipality and County Palm Beach

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☐ Local Entity
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)



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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