



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3058

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

4. Project/Program Description

During the disaster at Surfside 2022, significant deficiencies were identified with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's (MDFR) mobile command post, a 1995 Blue Bird Bus. This mobile command post is often utilized and recently responded to the RedAir crash at Miami International Airport where it supported multiple agencies, such as MDFR, Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for several days. Due to the age of the vehicle and its components, intermittent failures occurred as exhibited when the 12V electrical system that operates radios and environmental control systems malfunctioned. During large high-profile events, several agencies often respond and need to operate cohesively. This project aims to provide MDFR and supporting emergency-response agencies with a state of art mobile command post to be utilized during emergencies, and in turn, provide citizens with a more efficient and structured emergency response from first-responders.

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	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,200,000	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.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

Miami-Dade County received \$1,419,320,111.50 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Replacement vehicle for current mobile command post for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.	600,000
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)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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



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This project will provide a shared resource for various emergency response and command staff teams in the surrounding area. For instance, MDFR often provides command post and logistical support to local law enforcement who may be the leading authority in a given event. It will also supply a sturdy shelter, meeting area, and temperature-controlled environment for staff members to utilize during an emergency.

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

This project will better assist citizens of Miami-Dade County, and surrounding areas as needed, during an emergency by MDFR and other local first-responder agencies.

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

Assisting citizens by providing a more easily accessible, logical, and modern mobile command post for first responder command staff during an emergency. It will provide shelter from the elements, a meeting place for all staff members to gather and discuss useful courses of action, a workspace for command staff at incident site(s), and a clear hub for sharing all pertinent information for emergency response teams. This will, in turn, assist citizens by offering a safe and logical emergency response experience, as well as a unified command center for tackling crises.

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

Miami-Dade County, its outlying communities, and other surrounding areas, which is approximately 2.7 million residents.

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

This project is the evolution of command-and-control infrastructure. It cannot be denied that every incident requires an Incident Commander (IC), and as the incident grows the IC needs a command staff to fulfill tasks as defined by the National Incident Management Systems Incident Command System. The support branches under the IC provide valuable assistance to the IC, but may only do so when presented with the same intelligence. This can only happen when branch supervisors are near the IC. During incidents, the mobile command post provides the shelter, proximity, and shared resources to accomplish the missions set forth by the IC. As the incident grows, space is needed to accommodate the additional command staff. The electronic resources needed to make timely and effective decisions are most easily made available in a temperature-controlled, state of the art mobile command vehicle. Although this request is for a state of art mobile command post, the mission it supports is timeless.

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?

Nonpayment until deliverables are met.

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)



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- 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