



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2550

1. Project Title Franklin County First Responder Two-Way Radios

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 03/03/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Replace end-of-life two-way radios used on the State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) by county first responders & hospital. SLERS serves as the statewide radio system for law enforcement/first responder agencies/local/state/federal. Currently, state agencies have been funded for this new radio upgrade (P25 SLERS-2), with no plan to fund locals. Franklin County greatly needs new radios, as most are over 15 years old. Franklin County was the first SLERS local agency to join and provides mutual aid for the region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Management Services

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding                    | Amount           |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations                         | 1,500,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>1,500,000</b> |

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

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
|                          |           |              |                             |        |

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners was awarded \$50,000. The funds were used for laptops and printers for remote work.

## 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           |
|--|--|------------------|
| <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                                | Funds used to purchase two-way radios to replace the outdated ones for Franklin County First Responders. | 1,500,000        |
| 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>1,500,000</b> |

### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds will allow the end-of-life two-way radios to be replaced. The current ones are used on the State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) by first responders and the hospital. SLERS serves as the statewide radio system for law enforcement/first responder agencies/local/state/federal. Currently, state agencies have been funded for this new radio upgrade (P25 SLERS-2), with no plan to fund locals. Franklin County greatly needs new radios, as most are over 15 years old. Franklin County was the first SLERS local agency to join and provides mutual aid for the region.



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

These funds will improve services for first responders and the citizens by providing the newest radio technology available and best radio interoperability, as the State of Florida is currently upgrading to SLERS-2.

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

Improve communications between 911 and first responders and will improve response times while reducing the possibility of lost calls or miscommunications.

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

The public in Franklin County and first responders are the target population. The entire population of approximately 12,000 in addition to visitors would be served by this project.

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

Upgraded radios will improve communications between 911, dispatchers, and first responders in addition to the response time. The new equipment will reduce the possibility of lost calls or miscommunications.

**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?**

None known at this time.

**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)  
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)  
☐ Local Entity  
☐ University or College  
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number