



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Project Lifesaver - Search & Rescue for Missing Persons with Special Needs

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Linda Stewart

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/16/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Orange County Sheriff's Office will implement technology from a program known as, Project Lifesaver International, which is a proven and effective method for search and recovery. The United States holds the distinction of being number two in the world with the senior population flourishing until 2030. Statistics show on average that at any give moment, there as many as 90,000 missing persons in the United States, including 50,569 adults. During the last 10 years of data collected from NCIC, there were 750,000 cases reported on average each year. As the number of seniors increases, the State of Florida typically ranks number one or number two in terms of senior population. Over the past two years, approximately 950 individuals in Florida eloped from various types of living facilities, including assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Children and Families

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
120,500		120,500

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	246,075	67.1%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	246,075	67.1 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 366,575

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to serve the families in Orange County who have a loved one who is prone to wandering or eloping due to a cognitive disorder by locating the individual in a rapid, efficient manner. Individuals include those with Autism, Dementia, or Alzheimer's Disease. Statistics show that our senior numbers are on the rise until the year 2030, with the number of seniors in the United States projected to reach a staggering 77 million. A proven search and recovery program, therefore, is essential for locating those reported missing. The Alzheimer's Association states that an individual will develop Alzheimer's Disease every 66 seconds in the United States. It is also estimated that 60% of individuals with Dementia will wander at some point during their lifetime.

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

The funds will enable the Orange County Sheriff's Office to introduce and maintain a proven and effective Project Lifesaver bracelet program with a 100% recovery success rate resulting in recoveries within 30 minutes from the time law enforcement is notified. If that statistic is not impressive enough, this program will potentially save the Orange County Sheriff's Office valuable funding due to reduced expenditures required to locate individuals who have wandered or eloped. Current searches can take multiple hours, in contrast with the program's 30-minute average recovery time. The monies required to do a search will dwindle as a result of decreased manhours and support from specialty units (mounted units, agency aircraft, K9s, detectives, and the Emergency Response Team). Agency history shows that at times, with all the current investigative methods and equipment employed during these searches, recovery cannot be guaranteed.



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c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	1 sworn officer, 1 civilian	246,075
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	PLI Indago (2 aerial drones), training, ground equipment, inventory	117,650
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Project Lifesaver one-time membership fee	2,850
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		366,575

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The Orange County Sheriff's Office will adopt a radio frequency program better known as Project Lifesaver International. This program is focused on recovering individuals who have a cognitive condition that are prone to life threatening wandering or eloping. As the designated public safety agency for the county, the Orange County Sheriff's Office will operate this premier search and rescue program. Project Lifesaver International is a proven organization within the search and recovery community.

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

The senior population of Orange County accounts for over 27% of the county population with almost 17,000 probable Alzheimer's cases (2016, Department of Elder Affairs). The Project Lifesaver program is designed for at-risk community members who have been diagnosed with a form of Dementia or Alzheimer's, Autism, or other



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cognitive condition. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that 5.5 million Americans of all ages are living with an Alzheimer's Dementia diagnosis in 2017. In Florida, 1 in 10 people aged 65 and older have Alzheimer's Dementia. The percentage of people with Alzheimer's Dementia increases with age: 3% for ages 65-74, 17% for ages 75-84, and 32% for those over age 85. More than 60% of those with Alzheimer's or Dementia will wander, and for those persons who are not found within the first 24 hours, up to half may suffer serious injury or death.

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

The benefit of this project is to quickly and successfully reunite the client with the caregiver. The safety of the individual with the cognitive disorder is of primary concern considering that individuals missing more than 72 hours have a 20% survival rate. As facilitator of the program, equipping the Orange County Sheriff's Office with the most advanced and proven technology will maximize the chances for a rapid response and recovery. With no mandatory reporting period required in reporting a missing person, a rapid recovery is essential. The Orange County Sheriff's Office will determine program success by measuring the increased recovery rate and the decreased time of wandering and elopement. The peace of mind this program will give to family members and caregivers will be invaluable.

g. 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 in the contract?

Reversion of funds appropriated to this project or an administrative plan of action.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Jerry Demings
- b. **Organization:** Orange County Sheriff's Office
- c. **Email:** jerrydemings@ocfl.net
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)254-7018

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Orange County Sheriff's Office
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☒ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Jerry Demings



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f. Phone Number: (407)254-7018

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone Number: