



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1541

1. Title of Project: Public Safety Gun Range

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Cape Coral requests support to design and build a Public Safety Gun Range. This project will save the City \$250,000 per year in mobilization costs to use another facility. Initial and on-going firearms qualification standards must be met to prove firearm proficiency for an officer to maintain their certification. Firearm proficiency is just one of many to ensure the safety of the community.

The Police Department currently does not have a training facility in the City of Cape Coral. Officers must train at ranges outside the City limits. Due to a lack of facilities, there are over 16 different agencies, including Cape Coral, that use the Lee County Sheriff's Office Gun Range for required firearms training, making it extremely difficult for the Department to get range time. With limited facilities to train at, officers are receiving minimum live fire firearms training to remain in compliance with the required standards.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,750,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 2,750,000 | 50.00% |
| Federal | 0 | 0.00% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Local | 2,750,000 | 50.00% |
| Other | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 5,500,000 | 100.0% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | The design and construction of a Public Safety Gun Range of appropriate size and space, with necessary components, to meet the needs of firearms training. | 2,750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,750,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

Firearm proficiency is just one of many necessary skills needed to ensure the safety of the community and fellow law enforcement. Having a gun range in Cape Coral will greatly increase officers' firearms training hours, which will result in increased confidence and proficiency in firearms, all the while, training within the City limits. This includes our School Resource Officers (SROs) who are limited on when they can train as they must train when school is not in session. It is imperative that the SROs are proficient and confident in their firearm skills in today's climate. The Public Safety Gun Range, will not only benefit the City of Cape Coral, but it will benefit law enforcement agencies throughout Southwest Florida, providing another gun range to train at, potentially increasing training hours and proficiency for officers at all levels, federal, state and local, throughout Southwest Florida.

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

By increasing the number of firearms training hours for officers at all levels, increases their proficiency and confidence in their abilities during high stress situations. Local law enforcement agencies will have better trained officers due to the fact that sworn personnel will have the opportunity to train more frequently. This includes above and beyond the requirements needed to meet the qualifications standards. Cape Coral officers will be able to train within the City limits to respond to calls immediately to include but not limited to: SWAT call-outs, active shooter situations, school threats and/or shootings, officer involved shootings, and natural disasters. As opposed to training at a minimum 45 minutes outside the City limits.

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



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The Department's vision is to become the premier law enforcement agency in Florida, striving to attain the highest level of safety of our community. Citizens rely on law enforcement to protect and serve the community. Having sworn personnel, with the skills, knowledge, and abilities, to handle a high stress situation means better protection for the general public, including our youth in schools.

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

The general public – According to the U.S. Census 2017 estimate, the Cape Coral's population is 183,365.

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

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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 in the contract?

The City would agree to negotiate repayment of funds if the project was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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.

The City of Cape Coral owns the property the public safety gun range will be built on. The building will be owned by the City using both City and State funds.

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- a. **Organization:** City of Cape Coral obo Cape Coral Police Department
- b. **County:** Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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