



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1145

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

4. Project/Program Description

The project of the Panama City Beach Training Tower will provide a 4-story training facility that will provide an environment to better prepare the fire service and law enforcement personnel for any situation they may respond to. The projected Training Tower would simulate a 1 and 2 story residential occupancy, an apartment style complex with open breezeway, a large area commercial area, and a mid-rise residential occupancy. The projected training facility would be constructed from connex style containers and have approximately 7,000 square-feet of interior training space.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	608,536
Total State Funds Requested	608,536

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	608,536	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	152,134	20%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	760,670	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific 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.

n/a

11. 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The entire cost requested would be used for the Training Tower.	608,536
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		608,536

12. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose for this Training Tower will be to provide a training facility for Fire and Law Enforcement personnel to increase their knowledge and skillset. This will provide a better response model for the citizens and visitors in this area, as well as provide a safer environment for the first responders. Currently, our area does not have a training facility that replicates the buildings protected in our area.

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

The purpose of these funds would be to provide a training facility for emergency responders to hone in on specific disciplines and skills. The projected training facility would have Class A burn rooms on each of the 4 levels, 2 forcible entry doors, breach walls, panel mazes to simulate different rooms and outlay, forcible entry windows, vertical and horizontal ventilation props, recessed and cantilevered balconies, open breezeways, and rappel anchors.

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

The direct services will be better trained responders to ensure rapid response and decision making during actual emergency events.

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

The target population that will be served will be all of those that reside in and visit Bay County and surrounding areas. This training tower will be available for training purposes to all emergency response divisions. The intent is to provide local and regional courses that better prepare responders.

Bay County currently has a population of 175,000. The total number of visitors each year is estimated at 17 million. Currently, the area does not have a facility that can provide a training environment for the majority of structures responded to. This facility would incorporate such environments.

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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The expected benefit of this project is the overall training of fire and law enforcement personnel. This facility will allow the opportunity for instructors and supervisors to evaluate and assess the needs of each individual and group of individuals during realistic training scenarios. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured will be the response and decision making abilities each first responder will have during real-world incidents. Proper techniques and skillsets will be learned in a training environment rather than during a 911 incident.

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?

The City will award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents will require the contractors to provide performance and payment bonds which will protect the City and subcontractors working on the project. A 10 percent retainer will be withheld from all payments to the contractor to provide quality assurance throughout the construction process.

13. 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.

The City of Panama City Beach would be the owner and the entity.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number