



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1267

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will enhance the versatility of their fleet and increase their ability to respond quickly throughout the waterways in the County by procuring a lower-profile vessel with a drop-down bow which facilitates boarding from land, especially for members of the public who may be injured or experiencing other medical issues. This is becoming more increasingly important as people seek outdoor recreation opportunities amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Rescues have more than doubled in the last year.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	575,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	575,000

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)	575,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	575,000	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.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) can apply for alternative funding sources which are not guaranteed.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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

HCSO received Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) funds which were used to expand video court capabilities to limit the spread of COVID-19, and will be used for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing workspaces, and for PPE. CARES Act funds were used to increase HCSO's capabilities for producing remote learning and for measures to allow personnel to work at safer distances.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	HCSO requests a 33' Safeboat with a full cabin and marine outboard motors. The full cabin provides additional safety from lightning strikes during the numerous thunderstorms experienced in the area. The requested vessel is outfitted with a drop down bow (nose) to assist in loading and unloading while at one of the numerous islands in the area. This would be extremely useful when loading victims on a stretcher whether from an island or rocks.	575,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	n/a	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		575,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will enhance their capability to respond quickly throughout the waterways in the County. The requested vessel's lower profile allows for navigation in waterways throughout Hillsborough County including under lower bridges and into the deeper waters in Tampa Bay. The drop-down bow facilitates boarding from land, especially for members of the public who may be injured or experiencing other medical issues. The enclosed cabin can provide protection from the weather for both operators and members of the public who are being transported. The overall versatility of the HCSO fleet will be increased and the response times to some calls could decrease.

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

HCSO will procure and put into service the requested vessel and maintain it in good working order. HCSO will respond to calls for service including medical emergencies requiring the transportation of members of the public from land or cruise ships, removing items from the channel, and recovery efforts, using this vessel when appropriate.

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



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HCSO will respond to calls for service using the requested vessel, which will provide easier access to members of the public who may need to board the vessel from shore or other vessels, protection from dangerous weather conditions, and the versatility to navigate waterways throughout Hillsborough County. This low profile can allow HCSO Marine Unit deputies to respond from one area to another via water, through varying depths, without the need to return to the Marine Unit office to switch to a different vessel, which could result in faster response times to these types of calls for service.

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

This project will serve the population of Hillsborough County as well as all tourists and visitors to the area who have the opportunity for outdoor recreation near the many bodies of water in Hillsborough County. The population of Hillsborough County is approximately 1.44 million and millions of tourists visit annually. In 2019 the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was called to rescue/assist 22 individuals in need of emergency transportation via boat and in 2020 they rescued/assisted 52 individuals. There has been an increase in boating and outdoor recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

This project will allow the HCSO Marine Unit to better serve the citizens of and visitors to the Tampa Bay area by enhancing the Unit's ability to respond to Hillsborough County and nearby jurisdictions with the requested vessel; providing the most efficient and safest response and transportation to resolve calls for service on and near the waters in Hillsborough County and statewide. HCSO is a member of the composite Waterborne Response Team for the eight county Tampa Bay Region and could also respond statewide. Records for all deployments within the Tampa Bay region and statewide can be provided, including details of services provided and equipment utilized, and deployment times.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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.

n/a



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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