



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1847

1. Project Title Northeast Florida Regional Public Safety Training Facility - Phase 2

2. Senate Sponsor Aaron Bean

3. Date of Request 12/03/2021

4. Project/Program Description

With a county population of 92,992 and a regional population of 1.6 million, Nassau County and the Jacksonville MSA is one of the fastest growing MSAs in the Country. This rapid urbanization has resulted in a higher volume of calls for law enforcement and fire/rescue services and also changed the complexity and severity of the situations local public safety personnel face on a day-to-day basis. This trend is expected to continue for the foreseeable future as the northeast Florida region is predicted to grow exponentially over the coming decade. As such, the evolution of the local environment requires we augment our training and development capacities. In response, Nassau County has commenced construction of a regional public safety training facility capable of matching the public safety needs of the citizens of Nassau County and the region. This request is for funding to construct an indoor training facility and classrooms totaling \$5.9m of the \$17.5m project (34% of the total).

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,950,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,950,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,950,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,500,000	9%
Local	10,050,000	57%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	17,500,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

N/A



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

Yes

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

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	Construction of an indoor training facility and classrooms at the Northeast Florida Regional Public Safety Training Facility.	5,950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,950,000

12. Program Performance

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

Construction of an indoor training facility at the Northeast Florida Regional Public Safety Training Facility. The new public safety training center will allow for enhanced capabilities of officers and firefighters within Nassau County and surrounding regional agencies that are currently not present by permitting routine refresher and remedial training in the county using the actual equipment used in service, and training regularly with co-workers and other agencies encountered in the field, as opposed to, mixed training units out of the county. Better capabilities that are relied upon by outside agencies to promote emergency operations for regional natural disasters, active shooter and other threats.

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

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

We anticipate a reduction in the overall crime rate and emergency response times for police and fire and rescue; a reduced reliance on outside agencies for training and support; new operational capabilities for the agencies that are currently not present; reduction in line of duty injuries and/or death with proper training. We also will be able to facilitate compliance with all annual continuing education and training for law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel.

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



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The greater Jacksonville Metropolitan Area, the northeast Florida region, and parts of southeast Georgia. In excess of 1.6 citizens.

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 the contract?

Possible forfeiture of future funding.

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 Nassau County Board of County Commissioners have ownership of grounds and all related facilities.



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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