



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2298

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This budget request aims to reduce stress-related health issues and deaths for our front-line heroes in fire departments in District 8 that have requested this system but are unable to afford it with existing budgets and appropriations. Stress is one of the most pressing issues facing Florida's firefighters and paramedics. Most fire stations use jarring audible alerting systems which expose firefighters to unnecessary and potentially life-threatening stress.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	315,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	315,000

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)	315,000	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 2022-2023	315,000	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.

Fire departments can purchase stress-reducing alerting systems with the budget provided to them by their local municipality; however, this budget is typically fully allotted to traditional purchase items including employee salaries/benefits and replacing outdated air tanks/breathing apparatuses.

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



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No

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

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	85.7% of funds will go towards outfitting fire departments with tactile firefighter alerting systems.	269,955
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	14.2% of funds will go towards contracted services and study of the effects of the tactile firefighter alerting systems.	45,045
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		315,000

12. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of the requested funds is to reduce stress-related health issues and deaths for firefighters by making tactile firefighter alerting systems accessible to all fire departments. Firefighters are up to 14-times more likely to die of a heart attack during alarm response because most fire departments use startling audible alerts to dispatch responders. Tactile firefighter alerting systems use wearable technology that vibrate to gently alert firefighters and reduce stress during an alert.

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

Outfitting fire stations in the state of Florida with this alerting system to reduce their stress and improve overall health outcomes. Specifically, sourcing & assembling hardware, outfitting stations with hardware, monitoring system efficacy, and providing support while the system is in the fire station.

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

Services will be provided to fire departments and their first responders. Focus on career fire departments since volunteers often work from home while career firefighters all work in the station.

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

Target population is firefighters in Florida State Senate District 8 and District 4. This funding is expected to serve between 400 and 700 firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders who are currently alerted by loud alarms in their station. This equates to 33%-50% of all career firefighters in Florida's 4th and 8th Districts.

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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Improved physical and mental health for the first responders who benefit from the tactile alerting systems. Outcomes will be measured quantitatively and qualitatively with HR monitors and pre-/post-surveys, respectively.

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 contracting agency shall be penalized by returning any funds that are not distributed appropriately to the state agency that provided the funds.

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.

No owners of the facility are to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding.



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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