



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2363

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Deputy William J. Gentry, Jr. Regional Public Safety Training Center (named in honor of slain Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy who gave his life in the line of duty) will provide cutting-edge instruction for first responders to include active shooter engagement, tactical planning and response, counter terrorism measures, and the application of artificial intelligence and unmanned systems when minutes count to save the lives of children and citizens of our state. An emphasis will be placed on school safety through preparedness training for school resource officers, guardians, teachers and school staff. Administered in partnership with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, and South Florida State College, this rural training center will provide world-class instruction by subject matter experts from various fields that will be sought out by government agencies and private organizations throughout Florida to train their personnel.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,650,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	6,650,000	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.



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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.

1. Federal grant received FY 19-20, COVID 19 Emergency Response - \$60,650.00. The funds were used for PPE equipment and supplies.
2. We received COVID 19 funding in FY 20-21 through Highlands County BOCC's CARES ACT application - \$342,346.24. The money was used for: COVID related law enforcement equipment, jail cleaning equipment, and jail COVID nursing costs.

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	Training simulators, tactical training equipment, furniture, and fixtures.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, Engineering, Site Preparation, Project Management and Construction Services	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Provide necessary training to help ensure public safety.

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

Construction and equipping of facilities needed.

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

Providing awareness techniques, response, and preparedness strategies to protect the public.

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

The primary stakeholders include law enforcement, other first responders, schools, businesses, aviation interests, and the public at large. Regionally, the center will serve Collier, Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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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An increase in the preparedness of law enforcement personnel to respond to critical incidents and emergency situations. An increase in the preparedness of school personnel, business community, aviation, and houses of worship. The methodology used will include the number and level of advanced training certifications obtained through the training center.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout the project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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.

All Highlands County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) facilities are owned by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The BOCC will be the recipient of this funding. Once constructed, The Deputy William J. Gentry, Jr. Regional Public Safety Training Center will be managed and operated by HCSO personnel.



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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