



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2801

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

## 4. Project/Program Description

This training simulator is designed to allow trainers the ability to give presentations and classes, conduct interactive testing and assessment, and provide immersive hands-on scenario-based exercises with detailed debriefing and after-action reviews. This simulator increases knowledge, skills, and confidence in a safe, challenging environment that is highly interactive and engaging.

The virtual reality training system would be a valuable tool that exceeds the capabilities of the static simulator which we are currently utilizing. It would allow beneficial training for both seasoned and new deputies. Scenarios would ensure that deputies are making legal, ethical decisions when placed in a stressful environment. There would also be enormous benefits in the area of post event articulation and report writing. This simulator would prepare deputies for the following situations, to include: De-escalation, crisis intervention, implicit bias, communications, mental illness awareness.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	62,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>62,500</b>

## 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)	62,500	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?**

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator	62,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>62,500</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The goal that will be reached through the funding would be to better prepare our agency to ensure that our deputies are making legal, ethical decisions when placed in stressful situations. This virtual reality simulator would allow our deputies to experience controlled stressful situations and allow for better communication and de-escalation techniques. This simulator would facilitate organic and comprehensive thought process evaluation.

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

The purchase of the Apex Virtual Reality Training Simulator would allow this experience and training to occur. Several progressive agencies with in the United States, as well as in the State of Florida, currently use this specific training simulator and have been pleased with their results.

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

A more progressive, professional, and prepared law enforcement agency that is keeping up with the demands placed on them by the citizens of the State of Florida.

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

All citizens that the Escambia County Sheriff's Office currently serve.

**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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We expect that the professionalism of each of our officers to rise as this training simulator is used on a routine basis. Each time that it used, it will only increase the amount of experience and awareness of our officers. It will allow for better communication and de-escalation alternatives.

**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 penalties would include the loss of trust within the community, along with negative anti-law enforcement sentiment that would occur if we as an agency failed our community.

**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.**

There is no relationship between the two parties.



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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